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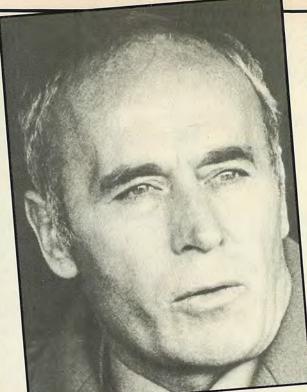
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FRONT COVER CAPTION: West

Brom's in-form striker Cyrille Regis comes under pressure from Nottingham Forest's Stuart Gray.



Left: Villa manager Ron Saunders — "He had no intention of playing me," claims Andy Blair.

Right: Eamonn Deacy (left) in action against Leicester's Norman Leet — he came into the side in preference to Andy Blair when Dennis Mortimer was injured.

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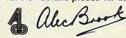


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SCOTTISH Under-21 international Andy Blair claimed this week that his move to Villa Park turned out to be the biggest

disappointment of his career.

Andy, who moved from Coventry to Villa Park for £300,000 in the close season, admitted: "I've been completely out of the picture at Villa. It's best for both of us if we part company.

"I thought losing in the semifinal of last season's League Cup against West Ham was bad but this has been much worse.

'If there had been a fighting chance of me getting a first team place at Villa I'd have wanted to stay, but I just couldn't see that happening.

The manager Ron Saunders had no intention of playing me in the team," claims Andy, who has played just two full League games this season.

"I knew when I arrived that the manager had bought me to strengthen the squad and I'd have to fight for my first team place. I accepted that and was prepared to wait for my chance. "But things came to a head

when skipper Dennis Mortimer was injured in the League Cup tie against Leicester.

"I fully expected to take his place in the first team, but the manager opted for Eamonn Deacy, who had been training with the reserves all season.

"I've got no hard feelings towards Eamonn because he's done really well since taking over from Dennis. I just thought I was playing well enough to get a

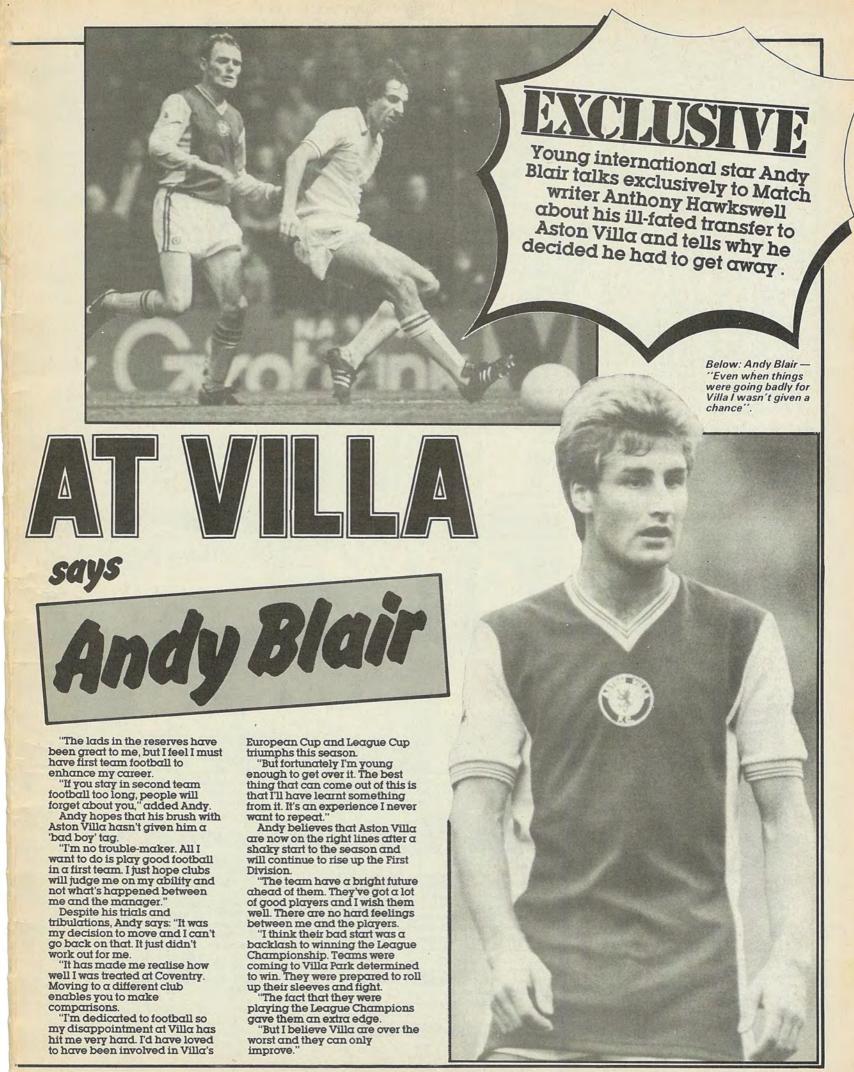
Even when things were going badly for the team, I wasn't given a run in the side.

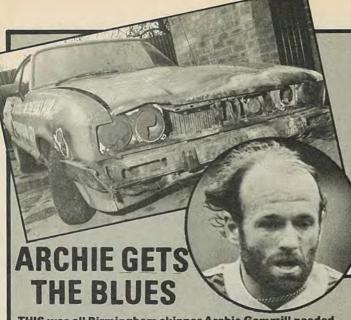
Andy refuses to get involved in a public slanging match with the Villa manager, although he admits that there was a heated exchange of words when the two met to discuss the matter.

'He said that I hadn't been training hard enough, but that's ridiculous. I just feel that I wasn't given a chance.

'It's the manager's job to tell me where I stand. If he doesn't like my style or ability then that's fair enough. It's better I go quickly.

"I'm not a cry-baby. I just feel that I need first team football. Reserve team football can destroy your career.





THIS was all Birmingham skipper Archie Gemmill needed after a 3-0 home defeat by Midlands rivals Wolves.
His car was gutted by fire as he drove home to Derby after the match, but fortunately both himself and Birmingham team-mate Colin Todd escaped injury.

Taylor-made for Cambridge

FORMER West Ham striker Alan Taylor has rejoined Second Division Cambridge after leaving them earlier this year.

Alan, whose two goals helped West Ham lift the FA Cup
against Fulham in 1976, had his contract with Cambridge

cancelled in February this year.

But, after a season with Vancouver Whitecaps, Alan has returned to Cambridge for £100,000 and his first appearance of the season came against Norwich, another of his former clubs.

Thomson returns - to Stafford

FORMER England defender Bobby Thomson has taken over as manager of Alliance Premier Division side Stafford Rangers.

The ex-Birmingham, Wolves and Luton full-back has been playing and coaching in America with Memphis and Conneticut since winding up his career at Port Vale.

Ex-manager plays again

REMEMBER Wolves and Leicester winger John Farrington . . ?

Well, he's now playing for Leicester Senior League side Shepshed

Charterhouse after resigning as manager of A. P. Learnington.

Shepshed are managed by former Nottingham Forest and Derby striker Frank Wignall and coached by ex-Manchester United and England winger lan Storey-Moore.

A touch of diplomacy

DAVID Bradford, back in England after a spell with Washington Diplomats, capped his home debut for Coventry with a brilliant 25-yard goal in the 3-0 home defeat of Stoke City.

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Keeper goes East

THE latest player to move to Hong Kong is Norwich goalkeeper Roger Hansbury.

He has gone on loan with the Eastern club with the hope of earning a permanent position in the country where former Arsenal striker Charlie George is making a new career.

Blackburn bolstered

BLACKBURN have strengthened their promotion bid from the Second Division by signing two First Division players. Wolves striker Norman Bell, who

collected the nickname 'super sub' after his scoring exploits in the FA Cup last season, has moved for £70,000.

And he has been joined by Sunderland midfield player Kevin Arnott, who, after failing to gain a place at Roker Park, has joined Rovers on a month's loan.

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Past and present United greats line up before Sammy McIlroy's testimonial. Back row (left to right): Gerry Daly, Tommy Docherty, Gordon Hill, Jim Holton, Alex Stepney, Brian Greenhoff, Jimmy Greenhoff, Dave McCreery. Front: Arthur Albiston, Stuart Pearson, Lou Macari, Sammy McIlroy, Jimmy Nicholl.

Happy Sammy

IT'S been quite a time for celebration by Manchester United's Sammy McIlroy.

After leading Northern Ireland to victory over Israel and a place in the World Cup Finals, the midfield player collected around £30,000 from his testimonial game at Old Trafford.

Tommy Docherty, recently sacked at Preston, returned to lead the 1977 FA Cup winning side in a match against Ron Atkinson's current team.

current team. It ended in a 4-4 draw with Jimmy Greenhoff, now with Port Vale, scoring twice. Frank Stapleton and Bryan Robson also scored two

Ups and downs of Cowans

GORDON Cowans, Aston Villa's England Under-21 international, had one of those topsy-turvy games footballers endure now and again in the 3-3 draw at Middlesbrough.

He was at the centre of a controversial penalty incident which led to a Middlesbrough equaliser.

Then he put Villa 2-1 ahead only to present Middlesbrough substitute Billy Ashcroft with a gift equaliser late on to earn his struggling side

Billy's appearance as a substitute for Billy Woof proved a tactical triumph for Boro manager Bobby Murdoch as the former Wrexham striker popped up with two quick goals after Villa had stormed into a 3-1 lead.



Tommy Docherty — tells of a fracas in the Wembley toilets.

COLOURFUL Tommy Docherty gave Manchester United the FA Cup . . . they gave him the sack.

Tommy, who only last week was sacked by his latest club Preston, gives his own version of his sensational departure from United in his autobiography 'Call The Doc'. The former Scotland manager tells

of how he was beaten up by football hooligans at Stockport Station and his arguments with former United favourite Denis Law.

It's compelling reading as any story about The Doc and he doesn't pull any

Tommy tells how he nearly came to blows with former Scottish international defender Pat Crerand in the toilets after United had been beaten in the 1976 FA Cup Final against Southampton.

The book is bang up to date and he relives the horror of October's court case at the Old Bailey when he was acquitted on a charge of perjury.

'Call The Doc' is published by Hamlyn and the hardback edition costs £5.95.

A LIVERPOOL player could be the proud owner of a brand new Toyota car after this weekend's unofficial World Club Championship clash with Brazil's Flamenco in Tokyo.

That's the extravagant award on offer to the man of the match in Sunday's Japanese showdown between the **European Champions and their South** American adversaries.

Nacional's Waldemar Victorino collected a Toyota Celica after scoring the goal that ended Nottingham Forest's hopes of the prestigious trophy last February.

Liverpool, whose First Division encounter with Birmingham was brought forward a few days to enable them to compete, will no doubt be thankful that the game is on neutral territory

For in the South American play-off between Flamenco and Chile's Cobreloa, no fewer than five men were sent off in an explosive clash in Uruguay.

Liverpool can expect a financial guarantee of around £75,000 with possibly more to follow from gate receipts and television rights.

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

Kendall in a comeback

EVERTON boss Howard Kendall returned to First Division action recently almost seven years after playing his last game for the Merseyside club.

The 35-year-old former Blackburn player-manager decided the midfield required his experience and he helped the side to a 2-2 draw at Notts County.

Robbo's not

NOTTINGHAM Forest winger John Robertson has stopped smoking to help his Scotland team-mates collect a £37,500 reward.

He's the only smoker in the World Cup squad who are backing an anti-

smoking campaign.

The other half of the cash, organised by the Health Education Group is going to aid Scottish youth soccer.

GATHERING OF THE CLANS

FOR the first time, Scottish football supporters' call for an all 'tartan' Scotland team has been answered.

Andy Roxburgh, director of coaching and manager of the Scottish professional youth team, selected a squad of all Scottish-based players for the international with Northern Ireland which ended in a 4-0 win for the Scots.

Celtic and Rangers provided eight of the squad between them, and Aberdeen three.

"It was a real tribute to our youth coaching programme that we were able to complete a squad of this size without calling on players from English clubs," says



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striking partner had asked for a transfer.

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WENDY Gibson, 15, of Redcar, Cleveland, asks: "Is Redcar, Cleveland, asks: "Is it true that you once played in a League Cup semi-final for Plymouth?" PAUL: "Yes, that's true, Wendy. It was back in 1974 when we lost 3-1 on aggregate to Manchester City who went on to lose 2-1 in the final to Wolves."

Hopefully it was a heat of the moment move by Alan because it would be a big blow to the club's Championship ambitions if he were allowed to leave.

He has received criticism from various quarters, most of it constructive, but he obviously felt he was being made the scapegoat. Deep down, I don't think he really

wanted a transfer, but perhaps felt he

had to make a stand. In my book, I believe that over the past twelve months he has been the most improved player in the First

No club could afford to lose a player of his calibre. With money as it is today, you just couldn't replace him. I believe our partnership is still in the developing stage and that the best is yet to come, so that's why I want Alan to stay at Portman Road.

Alan relies more on skill than

aggression and he is one of the deadliest finishers around, particularly with that lethal left foot. We've had plenty of publicity recently about our so-called lean spell at Ipswich with people claiming that the team has lost its way.

There is no denying that we have not reached last season's high standards of quality on more than two or three occasions this time — the games at Manchester United and

Russell was deeply hurt



YOUNG Russell Osman (above) was as surprised as most of us when he was left out of the England squad for the match with Hungary

Like any true professional, he was deeply hurt by his omission although he tried to hide his true feelings.

There was not a lot one could say to him, but I'm sure he'll come

He's got a bright future ahead of him and I think this absence from the England squad will be merely a temporary setback.

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Right: Alan Brazil - Ipswich just couldn't afford to lose a player of his calibre.

PAUL MARINE

Notts County are two that spring to mind.

mind.

The players are well aware that the team is not operating with the same fluency, yet we are still in the top three, so we can't be that bad.

Injuries during the season to players like Alan Brazil, Frans Thijssen and myself obviously upset the balance of the side, but we will still be there or thereabouts at the end of the there or thereabouts at the end of the season . . . there's no fear of that.

goal — Page 35

****** It was a bitter disappointment for me to miss the home win over

me to miss the home win over
Manchester City.

I must has picked up a groin strain
during the England game with
Hungary, although I didn't realise it
until after the match.

I aggravated the injury during the
2-0 defeat at Stoke, and, having never
suffered a knock of this type, I'm not
sure how long I may be affected.

On a happier note, George Burley
has made a remarkable return to the
First Division after a serious knee
injury.

injury. It's taken him a while to adjust to First Division football following a

year's absence after injuring his knee in the FA Cup tie with Shrewsbury last January.

But in my book, he is one of the best full-backs around and I hope he can recover his place in the Scotland squad in time for the World Cup Finals

He's such a dedicated professional and, if at all possible, he'll be in Spain. George is one of the best attacking full-backs around and he is always available on the right hand side of midfield.

He's also an excellent crosser of the ball and I haven't seen many wingers get the better of him over the years. Looking ahead for a moment, the

Russians are coming to Portman Road at the end of the season. Moscow Dynamo, one of their top club sides, are to play us in a testimonial match for injury-plagued Kevin Beattie.

Apparently, they are also to play Wolves during their visit in a match for their long-serving striker John Richards.

I hope that Kevin will be fit enough

It's a crying shame that he is having more problems with his damaged left knee in his testimonial season.

But knowing the character of Kevin, he will come bouncing back.



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ASKS TIGER XXX

IT'S F.A. Cup time again this weekend and here's ten Cup questions on last season's competition to test your memory.

- Who was the Manchester City substitute in last season's F.A. Cup Final replay?
- 2. Who scored Everton's extra-time winner against Southampton in the fifth round replay at Goodison Park?
- 3. What was the score when Exeter beat Newcastle in their fifth round replay?
- Who was the Wolves sub who shattered Wrexham with two goals in the fifth round.
- Manchester City's match-winner in the fifth round at Peterborough has since left the club. Can you name him?
- 6. At which London ground did Enfield replay their fourth round tie with Barnsley?
- 7. Two West Country strikers scored hat-tricks in the Cup last season. One was Torquay's Gerry Fell. Who was the other?
- 8. Who knocked the F.A. Cup holders out last season?
- Who were the two Tottenham defenders who scored the goals that ended Exeter's Cup run last season?
- 10. Who put Liverpool out of the Cup last season?

Name this player (right) and you have the answer to question 5.





MATCH up the managers on the left with the clubs on the right.

- **Keith Peacock**
- 2 Ken Knighton
- 3 Billy Elliott
- 4 Bob Stokoe
- 5 Mike Smith
- a) Hull City
- b) Darlington
- Carlisle
- Orient e) Gillingham

THIS striker was one of the World Cup heroes in the British Isles recently.

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Can you name the players in the picture below? To give you a clue it was taken when Arsenal played Manchester United two years ago and two of the players in the picture are now with different clubs.





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winners.

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Across
1. Bradford City's ground (6,6)
8. He was Hull City's top scorer last season,

top scorer last season, but then he returned to his first club, Sheffield United (7)
9. See 19 across.
10. Gillingham's top scorer in the last two seasons, he has been topping their lists again this time (5)
11. He was a key ever-present in Aston Villa's championship side (6)
12. A bit of a boot! (4) 12. A bit of a boot! (4) 13. The difference

13. The difference between a League win in England and one in Scotland (5)
18. — McCreadie, former Chelsea chief (5)
19 & 9 across. In all, he has made nearly 300 appearances for Swansea, although he broke off for a spell with Leeds (4,6)
20. A three-point goal (6)

5. The name that comes before Villa (7)
6. When they won the 22. The 1981 Division Four Manager of the Season for his success with Southend (5)

23. — Glavin, 23. — Glavin,
Barnsley's
goal-grabber (6)
24. This forward was
QPR's close-season
buy from Brighton (7)
25. 'Up WBA? Rash
lad!' (anagram) — well,
it's not his team
actually, but he's not actually, but he's not far away, having played for Wolves since 1977 (4,8)

Down
2. He has managed
Middlesbrough,
Doncaster and Bolton

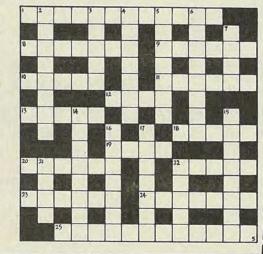
Oncaster and Bolton (8)
3. Noble-sounding former Fulham and Leicester striker who later spent some time at Tulsa (5)
4. 'Kop test'

(anagram) — a well-known striker (7)

European Cup-Winners' Cup, Borussia — beat West Ham in the semi-final and Liverpool in the final (8)

7. The last thing a ref blows for (4)
14. Dick — scored
Holland's equaliser in the World Cup final against Argentina (8)
15. Stoke City's ground sounds more like a London station! (8)
16. Frank O'— has been Torquay United's 7. The last thing a ref

manager in three spells (7)
17. 'A German' (anagram) — he's the bossi (7)
21. A hard-tackling defender is often nicknamed "The — Man" (4)
22. Mickey —,
Southend defender (5)



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CUP QUIZ: 1. Dennis Tueart; 2. Eamon O'Keele; 3. 4-0; 4. Norman Bell; 5. Tommy Booth; 6. White Hart Lane; 7. Tony Kellow (Exeter); 8. Wrexham; 9. Graham Roberts and Paul Miller; 10. Everton.

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GOALS FOR SALE

GEOFF Fell, the Penrith goalscoring hero against Chester, hopes the club's FA Cup exploits will land him a return ticket to League soccer.

The 21-year-old salesman was dumped out of the Football League by Carlisle United after graduating through the apprentice ranks and he's keen for another chance.

"I was given a free transfer after spending three years at the club and, with no other club interested, I had no option but to get a job outside football," says Geoff, whose 63rd minute strike against Chester provided him with the most important goal of his life.

"I only made six appearances as

substitute for Carlisle and I don't think I was given a fair crack of the whip.

"In the season I was released (1979-80), I scored 35 goals in the reserves. I know it was only Lancashire League stuff, but that amount of goals in any league isn't bad.

"I felt I could have done a fair job for Carlisle given the chance.

"So if ever the opportunity came again, I would jump at the chance."

That's why young Geoff will be hoping for another headline-grabbing performance at Doncaster.

"I was disappointed with Chester's performance. We had enough clear-cut

chances to have won by more than one goal.
"I still keep playing that winning goal over in my mind, and it would be nice to produce it again at Doncaster.

"It's going to be a tough test at Doncaster.
If we had been drawn at home I would be
very confident of getting a result.

"But we've just got to go out there and battle in the hope of getting at least a replay.

"This Cup run has really put the club on the map. Only a few years ago, Penrith were regarded as a run of the mill Northern League side, but now we are respected and even our League rivals are looking up to us now."

ALIE PRODE

THE name of Penrith aptly sums up the magical appeal of the FA Cup.

It's hardly a name synonymous

MATCH Weekly is on the FA Cup trail with tiny Penrith. We've adopted the

We've adopted the homely Northern League side, who caused one of the major shocks in the First Round with a 1-0 defeat of Third Division Chester.

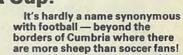
Should they fall at

Should they fall at the Second Round hurdle at Doncaster this weekend, then we shall follow Billy Bremner's Third Division side into the next round.

And we shall continue to adopt a side in every round right up to the big Wembley showdown next May.

So this week, the

So this week, the spotlight falls on Penrith . . .



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But this Northern League side of postmen, factory workers, builders and salesmen are bidding to make this picturesque tourist haven equally noted for its Cup exploits as well as its historic monuments and idyllic landscapes.

And they've not made a bad start in their crusade for recognition.

Chester fell victims of the "Pirates of Penrith" in the First Round, the Third Division strugglers being unable to combat the commitment and pride of the swashbuckling non-Leaguers in their tiny ground nestling at the foot of the Cumbrian hills.

Now the history-making
Cumbrians — they had never been
in the first round — are on the
march to Doncaster, where they
hope to line the coffers as well as
produce a performance that will
make their few hundred faithfuls
glow with pride.

Whatever the outcome of their trip into the unknown, manager Brian Williams, a local newsagent who is now making the news as well as selling it, feels they have already composed a sad commentary on the state of football in the lower divisions.

If ever there was a statement to rub salt in the wounds of an embarrassed 'giant', then the former Carlisle and Darlington player provides it by saying: "We never had to raise our game to beat Chester 1-0

"In fact, I was disappointed with our performance. We have played a lot better in Northern League matches this season.

PENRITH'S LINE-UP

GOALKEEPER

MIKE McMULLEN: Former Birmingham apprentice from Workington who is now a railway worker. He's in his second season with Penrith.

DEFENDERS

IAN WILSON: A building worker from Carlisle who is in his second season with the club.

KEITH GLOVER: Workingtonbased player who is currently unemployed. He was signed this season to strengthen the defence.

RON CARRUTHERS: A Carlisle railway worker who once spent a trial period with Ipswich.

LAURIE COULTHARD: Comes

from the famous Gretna in Scotland and is in his second spell with the club. He is a factory worker.

MIDFIELD

KEITH SAWYERS: One of two players in the squad with Football League experience. He played a few games for Carlisle but is now a clerk. He's in his second season with the club.

NICKY GASH: A factory worker from Carlisle who is in his second season with the club.

ALLAN CARRUTHERS: Brother of central defender Ron. He was an apprentice at Coventry but is now a postman in the Carlisle area.

STRIKERS

GEOFF SIMPSON: A chemist who was once on the books of Carlisle without breaking into the first team. He's in his second season with the club. GEOFF FELL: The goalscoring

GEOFF FELL: The goalscoring hero against Chester in the first round. He's a salesman who was formerly an apprentice with Carlisle and made a few League appearances as substitute. WILLIE ARMSTRONG: A factory worker from the Carlisle area who is in his second season with the club.

SUBSTITUTE

MICK SKELTON: Another factory worker from Carlisle who joined the club two seasons ago. THE Penrith squad. **BACK ROW (left to** right): Brian Williams (manager), Ronnie Carruthers, Mike Skelton, Geoff Fell, Marshall Monkhouse, Mike McMullen, Keith Glover, Allan Carruthers, Willie Gill (coach). FRONT ROW: Nicky Gash, Willie Armstrong, Laurie Coulthard (captain), lan Wilson, Keith Sawyers, Geoff Simpson.



"Most of our key player were below par yet we still produced enough to defeat a Third Division side.

"I think our win just underlines the sad state of football in this country.

country.

"When a non-League side produces a victory over League opposition, it is now no longer a shock. People seem to expect it

shock. People seem to expect it.
"I realistically expected to beat
Chester. I saw them in a recent
game at Burnley and I felt our pace
up front would upset their rather
pedestrian defence.

pedestrian defence.
"If I could have my players
training with me for twenty or
thirty hours a week, I hope the
team would reach much higher
standards than what is being
displayed at times in the lower
divisions.

********** Delighted

But Brian, who began rebuilding the club three seasons ago, realises a stiffer test faces his cock-a-hoop side away from their homely headquarters.

"It would have been nice to have been drawn at home, but we've had four home ties so far so we can't really complain," he says.

"But if someone had told me six weeks ago that we would be drawn away to Doncaster in the second round, I would have been more than delighted.

"If we can get organised then there is no reason why we can't give a good account of ourselves.

"I would be more than happy with a draw, but having played on the big Doncaster pitch, I believe that will prove a help to us.

"Yes, I shall be delighted with a draw, and a little more delighted if we win."

Penrith's FA Cup run

Rossendale (home) 2-1 Chorley (away) 1-0

Droylsden (home) 3-2

Northwich (Home) 1-0 Chester (home) 1-0 (Fell, A. Carruthers) (Armstrong) (Gash, Sawyers, Armstrong)

(Simpson)

0 (Fell)

Stories by Melvyn Beck

Reaching this stage of one of the world's most prestigious competitions is the culmination of three seasons' hard graft in which Brian has played a major part in reviving the club.

"When I came here from Netherfield three years ago, the club was in a very sorry state. The turnover in players was ridiculous and there was no pride in the place.

"With new chairman David Johnson, we have managed to transform the club, both on and off the field, to the extent where it is now a limited company with local businessmen involved.

"I went after players who had pride in pulling on the club shirt. I'm not interested in players who want to know what they are going

to get before playing."
"We're not one of the best
payers in the Northern League, but
at least the players have pride in
winning for the club.

"I tell my players that the club will look after them if they keep producing results.

"There are too many players who want to know in black and white what they will be getting before they are producing the

goods."

Brian, who once quit as manager of Penrith after less than a season because he felt the club wasn't organised properly, feels he is now on the right road to bringing the club Northern League honours.

"The strength of our squad can

"The strength of our squad can be gauged by the fact that I have seven Cumbrian county caps playing in the reserves at present," he says

Improving

well in every aspect of the club that you have got to keep on improving things, otherwise you slip back.

"I just want the players to keep working at their game, keep their feet on the ground and retain the habit of winning. That's all one can ask at this level."

And with only one defeat this season and a League scalp on the shelf, who's to say they can't upset half-flying Donnie on Saturday.



Harford threat

NORTHAMPTON hope the appearance of Mick Harford (above) in the Bristol City attack won't bring a repeat of their last dice with the lanky striker.

Last season, he scored twice for Lincoln in an 8-0 thrashing of Northampton in a Fourth Division clash at Sincil Bank.

■ KETTERING skipper Sean Suddards couldn't believe his luck when he heard the second round

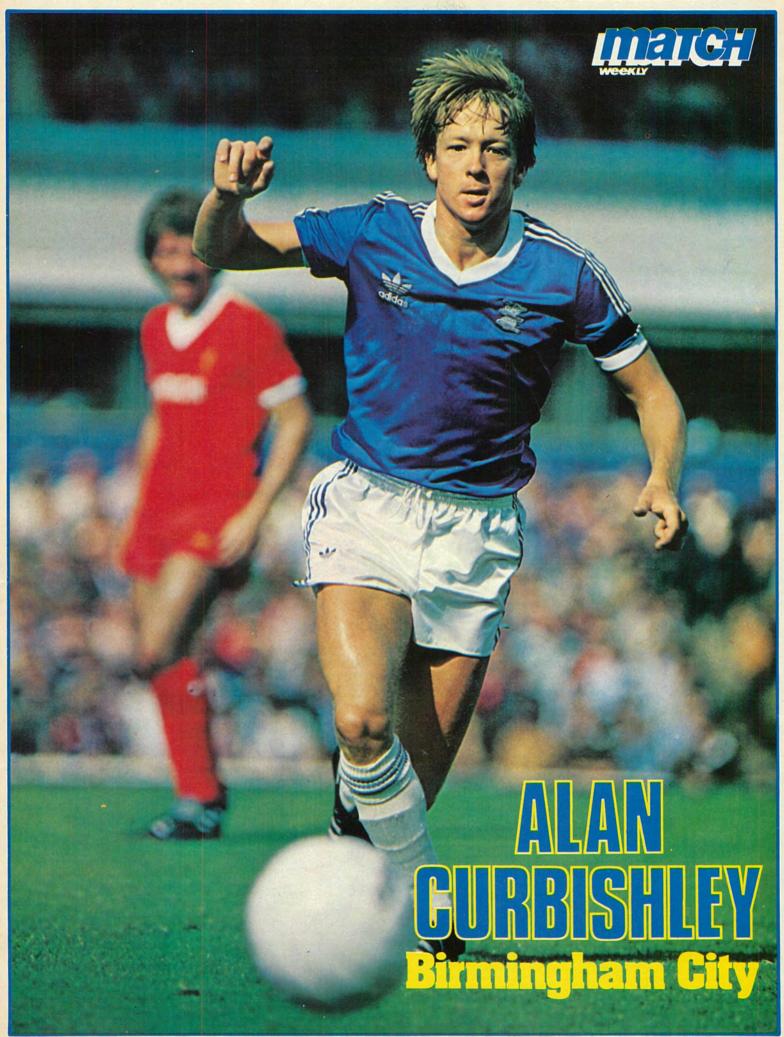
For the Alliance Premier League club entertain his former Blackpool team in the second round.

■ TREVOR Senior's hat-trick for Dorchester in their first round replay victory over Minehead delayed his departure to League football.

The young striker is set to join Third Division Portsmouth for £20,000 once the Southern League club are out of the Cup.

AS AS

Back row (left to right): Brian Taylor, Andy McAteer, John Blackley, Mike Farrelly, Peter Litchfield, Roy Tunks, Don O'Riordan, John Anderson, Stephen Doyle.
Middle row: Ken Shellito (assistant manager), Stuart Wilcock, Neil Hanson, Stuart Flannagan, Chris Hunter, Mark Walsh, Danny Cameron, Simon Westwell, Peter Sayer, Francis Burns, Allan Kelly (reserve coach), Alan Spavin (youth development officer). Front row: Paul McGee, Graham Houston, Jimmy Bell, Alex Bruce, Gordon Coleman, Tommy Docherty (ex-manager), Mick Baxter (now Middlesbrough), Steve Elliott, Graham Bell, Ricky Thomson, Willie Naughton.



Saturday Stratton on

HERE are Paul Stratton's selected matches for

this Saturday, together with those of his special guest opponent.
There's a space for you to fill in your forecasts and a column for the actual result.
Award yourself two points for every score you get right and one point if you get the result right (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline wrong.

but the scoreline wrong. Carry your points total forward each week.

ENFIELD — toast of the non-League clubs in the FA Cup last season — are back on the Wembley trail again on Saturday.

And their home draw against struggling Third Division side Wimbledon gives them a great chance of progressing to the Third Round.

Last term, of course, Enfield went further than any other non-League team in the competition - finally bowing out at the hands of Barnsley in a Fourth Round replay at Spurs' White Hart Lane ground.

On the way, they beat both Hereford (2-0) and Port Vale (3-0 in a replay) so the message to Wimbledon is clear: 'Watch

In fact, Enfield have already beaten 'The Dons' once in the competition — back in season 1977-78 when they also captured Northampton's scalp to progress to the Third Round.

And I'm backing them to do it again on Saturday and so put themselves into the hat

with the big boys from the First Division. The Second Round draw guarantees that at least one non-League club will be included in Saturday evening's draw, with Barnet at home to Wycombe.



Pictured left is my opponent this week Alastair Elliott. Alastair's a Carlisle fan and his favourite player is 'Pop' Robson.

I've predicted scorelines for ten of Saturday's FA Cup clashes and the challenge is beat me if you can!
My special guest opponent this week is Alastair Elliott of Haltwistle,

Northumberland, and you can see his

predictions alongside mine in the special

Points are awarded according to how accurate the forecasts are and, if Alastair manages to score more points than me, he wins £5!

If you would like the chance to see your predictions in print write in enclosing your name, age, address, home telephone number and a black and white photograph

of yourself.
Send your entries to: Stratton on Saturday, Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough, PE3 8DJ.

 Bad luck William Drysdale — my guest opponent on Saturday, November 28 — who lost, five points to seven.

BEAT PAULS PRED

MATCH	MY	GUEST'S FORECAST	YOUR FORECAST	RESUL
Aldershot v Oxford	1-2	2-2		
Brentford v Colchester	1-1	2-2		
Bristol C. v Northampton	3-0	3-1		
Bury v Burnley	2-0	1-1		
Chest'fld v Hudd'sfld	2-1	2-1		
Crewe v Scunthorpe	1-0	1-0		
Doncaster v Penrith	3-0	2-0		
Enfield v Wimb'ldn	2-1	1-1		
Hereford v Fulham	1-3	1-3	100	
P'boro v Walsall	2-1	1-2		
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POINTS SCORED

PAUL YOURSELF_

Aggregate scores carried forward to next week

PAUL YOURSELF

Saturday, Dec. 12 **FA Cup Second Round** Aldershot v Oxford Barnet v Wycombe Brentford v Colchester Bristol City v Northampton...... Bury v Burnley...... Carlisle v Bishop Auckland....... Chesterfield v Huddersfield...... Crewe v Scunthorpe......

Dagenham v Millwall..... Doncaster v Penrith Dorchester v Bournemouth Enfield v Wimbledon Gillingham v Barking..... Hereford v Fulham Hull v Hartlepool Kettering v Blackpool Lincoln v Stockport..... Peterborough v Walsall

Port Vale v Stockport ... Rochdale v Hartlepool Swindon v Sutton..... York v Altrincham

DIVISION ONE Arsenal v Middlesbrough..... Aston Villa v West Brom Coventry v Man. City lpswich v Brighton... Liverpool v Birmingham..... Leeds v Spurs... Man. Utd v West Ham..... Notts County v Stoke Sunderland v Southampton Swansea v Nott'm For..... Wolves v Everton...

DIVISION TWO Blackburn v Rotherham...... Charlton v Cambridge Crystal Palace v Cardiff...... Derby v Oldham

Grimsby v Shrewsbury...... Leicester v Watford..... Orient v Norwich..... QPR v Barnsley..... Sheff. Wed v Bolton..... Wrexham v Newcastle

SCOTTISH PREMIER Aberdeen v Rangers Celtic v St Mirren Dundee v Airdrie Morton v Hibernian..... Partick v Dundee Utd.....

FIRST DIVISION Dumbarton v Queens Park Falkirk v Dumfermline Hamilton v Clydebank
Hearts v Ayr......
Kilmarnock v St Johnstone......
Queen of S. v East Stirling..... Raith v Motherwell

SCOTTISH CUP, First Round Fraserburgh v Inverness. Stenhousemuir v Berwick..... Stirling v Clyde......Stranraer v East Fife.....



MATCH throws the spotlight on Birmingham striker Tony Evans, who's just establishing himself in the first team . . . two years after joining the Midlands club.

BIRMINGHAM fans have helped their striker Tony Evans win his two-year battle for recognition at St Andrews.

Up to the end of last season, Tony had made over 30 League appearances for the club since moving to the Midlands from Cardiff in 1979.

And his future looked even bleaker with the close season arrival of Frank Worthington's former Bolton Wanderers striking partner Neil Whatmore.

Concerned

The 26-year-old was so concerned about his first team chances at the club that he refused to sign a new contract in the close season.

But this term, he's overshadowed his flamboyant twin striker Frank to become the club's goalscoring sensation.

Now he's among the First Division's leading goalscorers and repaying the fans who campaigned for his return.

"They chanted for my recall towards the end of last season when things weren't going too well and the regular strikers weren't scoring goals

weren't scoring goals.
"I don't know whether their
efforts influenced our manager
Jim Smith but they certainly
gave my confidence a big boost."

Tony scored seven goals at the end of last season and finished up among the club's top scorers. "I didn't sign a new contract at

first because I wasn't sure what the position would be when Neil arrived. I wasn't scared of fighting for my place at Birmingham, I just didn't want to be tied down if I couldn't get into the team."

He needn't have worried for he found himself in the side on the opening day of the season at Everton and scored six goals in Birmingham's first six games.

"It's been a very good start for me. I've waited nearly two years for a chance to prove myself in the First Division," added Tony, who has since signed a new contract with the club that expires at the end of the season.

"At one stage of my spell at St Andrews, the doubts began to creep in. I wondered whether I'd made a mistake by moving from Cardiff.

"I was out of the first team for 16 months at Birmingham and that's a long time. It seemed I was never going to get a chance

was never going to get a chance.
"I couldn't really understand it
because I was scoring regularly
in the reserves while the first
team were going through a bad
patch.

"Now I'm concentrating on establishing myself as a First Division goalscorer. I've been out of the limelight for a long time and I've got some catching up to

do," added Tony.
"I've now come to respect the
club and I believe they respect
me: That's why I signed a new
contract."

Attacking

But Tony wasn't keen on signing a new long-term deal with the club. "I'm not keen on tying myself down. I want to wait until the end of the season and see what the position is."

Tony believes that Birmingham's new attacking style of play has helped him get among the goals.

"I'm reaping the benefits of our attacking attitude. We're going forward so much that I'm getting lots of chances."

And despite being one of the First Division's leading goalscorers, the club find themselves struggling at the wrong end of the First Division.

"We should be much higher. We don't deserve to be down there," added Tony.

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MY first team chances were limited at White Hart Lane and I moved to a Second Division club in November last season for £250,000. Now turn to page 21 for the next clue.



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FIRST DIVISION

Player	Club	Games	Avg
John Chiedozie	(Notts County)	4	8.00
Graham Rix	(Arsenal)	3	7.68
Trevor Brooking	(West Ham)	3	7.66
Terry Butcher	(Ipswich)	3	7.66
Bryan Robson	(Man. United)	3	7.66
Stan Cummins	(Sunderland)	- 5	7.40
Nicholas Pickering	(Sunderland)	5	7.40



RICKY Hill (above), an important cog in the Luton machine that is driving towards the First Division, topped the Division Two ratings.

His five matches yielded an average mark of 8.20 in a month where Luton consolidated their position as promotion favourites.

Ricky, joint second the previous month to

Charlton's Paul Walsh, finished well clear of Derby's Barry Powell and Chelsea striker Clive Walker.

SECOND

DIAIS	ION	.,	
Player	Club	Games	Avg.
Ricky Hill	(Luton)	5	8.20
Barry Powell	(Derby)	5	7.80
Clive Walker	(Chelsea)	5	7.80
Tony Towner	(Rotherham)	4	7.75
Derrick Christie	(Cambridge)	3	7.66
Glen Keeley	(Blackburn)	5	7.60
Mike Fillery	(Chelsea)	5	7.60
Simon Stainrod	(Q.P.R.)	5	7.60
Brian Horton	(Luton)	5	7.60

JOHN CHIEDOZIE (right), First Division 'Matchman of the Month' has a few words for the Notts County critics . . . on Page 43.

NOTTS County winger John Chiedozie is the First Division's 'Matchman of the Month' for November.

The Nigerian international is now beginning to make the forceful impact on the First Division which County manager Jimmy Sirrel expected when he paid Orient a club record £650,000 for his services this season.

A hamstring injury earlier in the season interrupted his adjustment to top flight football, but now that has cleared up he is

ANDY WINGS IN

PLYMOUTH'S Andy Rogers, who once turned his back on professional football after an unsuccessful period with

Peterborough, was the top player in the

while on loan from Southampton helped

Plymouth away from the foot of the table.

And Plymouth manager Bobby Moncur was suitably impressed by the form and paid out £50,000 for his services.

He finished with an average mark of 8.25 which put him well clear of Southend

THIRD DIVISION

(Plymouth) (Southend) (Carlisle)

(Plymouth)

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Club

Winger Andy's impressive performances

Third Division last month.

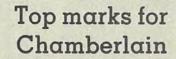
defender Dave Cusack.

Player Andy Rogers Dave Cusack Russell Coughlin

getting into top gear.

His impressive performances during November helped struggling County pick up valuable points against Everton, Coventry and Brighton

John's four appearances during the month earned him an average mark of 8.00 to put him clear of four England internationals, Arsenal's Graham Rix, West Ham's Trevor Brooking, Manchester United's Bryan Robson and Ipswich defender Terry Butcher.



Mark's done it again!
For the second successive month, Port Vale's Mark Chamberlain has scooped the Fourth Division award.

He had another outstanding month with an average mark of 8.20 from his five matches

He finished ahead of Wigan midfield player Graham Barrow who is enjoying his first-ever season in League football.

FOURTH DIVISION

Player	
Mark Chamberlain	y
Graham Barrow	
Paul Hilton	
Paul Hilton Steve Phillips Peter Jackson	

Club	Games	Avg
(Port Vale)	5	8.20
(Wigan)	4	8.00
(Bury)	4	7.75
(Northampton)	4	7.75
(Bradford)	3	7.66



TOPS THE LIST

MORTON forward John McNeil was the top player in the Scottish Premier Division.

He finished on the same mark of 7.75 as Dundee United striker Paul Sturrock, but took the award by virtue of achieving three star ratings in four matches, compared with Paul's two.

In third place was last month's winner, Dundee's lan Ferguson.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

Player	Club	Games	Avg
ohn McNeil	(Morton)	4	7.75
Paul Sturrock	(Dundee Utd)	4	7.75
an Ferguson	(Dundee)	4	7.50

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MOST LEAGUE GOALS: 95, Division Three (North), 1931-32.

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MOST LEAGUE APPEARANCES: Tommy Lowry, 436, 1966-78.

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Far right: Action all the way as Spurs' Tony Galvin (white shirt) is sandwiched by Fulham's Tony Gale won 1-0.

Below: The ball is on it's way into the net from the boot of Aston Villa striker Peter Withe (right) for the League Champions' last minute



Barnsley battlers

Right: Barnsley's Trevor Aylott (9) heads home his side's winning goal against Manchester City as Tommy Caton looks on. The win put Barnsley in the Fifth Round draw for the first time in the club's

Below: Delight in the Barnsley dressing room following the Yorkshire club's sensational 1-0 home victory over First Division Manchester City.





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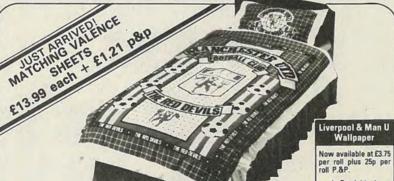
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Spotlight on the transfer trail. Anthony Hawkswell talks to the man the Wolves fans nicknamed super-sub who is now starting a new career in the Second Division . . .

Blackburn rescue Norman from reserve team soccer

STRIKER Norman Bell claims he had to leave Wolves to save his career.

Blackburn's new £70,000 signing admitted: "My career was going downhill fast at Molineux. I wasn't enjoying my football.

"At 25-years-old, I felt it was desperately important for me to get regular first team football and I couldn't see any openings at Wolves. There were other players in front of me.

This season has been so frustrating for me. Reserve football wasn't doing me any good at all.

"I'm really grateful to Blackburn for giving me a chance to prove myself," said Norman, who made just 78 League appearances in nine and a half years at Wolves.

"There's no incentive when you're playing in the reserves. In many respects it's harder than playing in the first team.

The only place to be is in the senior side. I really missed the thrill of playing in front of the big crowds and my game was suffering," said Norman.
"I could have had a fairer crack of the whip at Wolves, but I feel no bitterness towards the club."

Last season Norman made just 12 full League appearances, but he earned himself the title of 'super sub' as he came on and scored three vital FA Cup goals as Wolves marched to the semi-finals.

"It wasn't too bad last term because I had a chance of making the first team and we were involved in the FA Cup. But even then, I knew the writing was on the wall.

'Manager John Barnwell said he'd let me go when he got a reasonable offer but l don't think he tried too hard until he realised he'd have to sell players to keep

hold of Andy Gray."
Wolves have had a rough time this season — struggling to pull clear of the relegation zone amid rumours of boardroom battles between the chairman and manager.

"Their troubles have been blown up out of all proportion. People should keep quiet and let the manager get on with his job. All the talk just upsets the players and fans," said Norman.

"There's no way Wolves will get relegated this season. They're too good to go down to the Second Division.

"John Barnwell has bought a couple of new players and they need time to get settled in. It takes time to get used to a

new style of play.

"Losing Kenny Hibbitt so early on through injury didn't help because he's an important cog in the team, but I believe John Barnwell has got them back on the right track.

Now Sunderland-born Norman has his own sights set on a quick return to the First Division and he believes he can achieve that with Blackburn.

'There's an ambitious atmosphere

Above: New Blackburn striker Norman Bell. "My career was going downhill fast at Molineux."

Left: Flashback to the March 28 issue of Match Weekly when Norman admitted he was prepared to leave Wolves for first team football.

around Ewood Park. They're a progressive club who want to go places.

"Blackburn may not be getting big crowds, but the club are thinking big," said Norman, who made his debut in the 0-0 draw with Shrewsbury.

In fact, Norman was unlucky not to make it a goalscoring debut. He saw a header hit the inside of a post and a shot kicked off the line.

"It's early days yet but, from what I've seen of the team so far, I believe we can make a serious challenge for promotion.

"I was very impressed with my fellow striker Simon Garner. I reckon we can do well together because we complement each other. He's the type of player who likes to look for 'flick-ons' in the box.'



I made one appearance for England back in 1971. Now turn to page 31 for the next clue.

Yugoslavia go through

YUGOSLAVIA have joined Italy in qualifying for the World Cup Finals from Croup Five from Group Five.

They guaranteed their ticket with a 5-0 home defeat of Luxembourg at Novi Sad.

BOSS AXE

THE Rumanian disaster against Switzerland cost manager Stefan Kovacs his job.

His replacement, following that home defeat in the World Cup, is former Rumanian captain Mircea Lucescu.

The former Dinamo Bucharest player led his country in the 1970 World Cup Finals in Mexico and the 36-year-old only retired from playing two years



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EL Salvador have joined Honduras from the Americas zone of the World Cup.

Their place was assured when Mexico, needing two points to qualify, were held to a goalless draw by Honduras.

ITALIAN World Cup star Giancarlo Antognoni almost died in a collision with Genoa goalkeeper Martina during a recent First Division clash. The Fiorentina midfield player received the kiss of life after the clash which resulted in him having SPAIN HIT FORM

WORLD Cup hosts Spain continued their preparations with

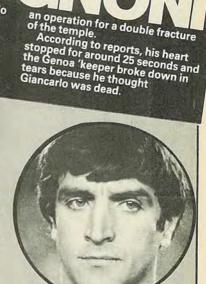
a 3-2 victory over Poland in Lodz. Alonso, Alesanco and Ufarte got the Spanish goals, while Palasz and Boniek replied for the Poles in front of a crowd of 20,000.

But it was a blow to Poland who only last month had upset World Cup holders Argentina with a 2-1 victory in Buenos Aires. Skipper Daniel Passerella put

Argentina ahead in the first half, but Poland struck back in the second with goals by Boniek and Buncol.

Argentina also failed to impress against Czechoslovakia in front of their home fans.

They were held to a 1-1 draw with Valek replying for the Czechs



Ramon Alesanco — scored for Spain.

in response to a goal from Gallego. Brazil had a comfortable 3-0 win over Bulgaria in Port Alegre with goals by Leandro, Roberto and Zico.

Goals of the Karl-Heinz variety

KARL-Heinz Rummenigge just can't help scoring goals.

He followed up his hat-trick in the 8-0 drubbing of Albania, with two more in West Germany's 4-0 beating of Bulgaria.

Klaus Fischer and Manny Kaltz (penalty) completed the scoring in a match that guaranteed Austria a place alongside Germany in next year's World Bulgaria pooded to win by fine alongside.

Bulgaria needed to win by five clear goals to force a play-off with Austria, but they never had a chance against the free-scoring Germans who have scored 33 goals in their eight qualifying matches.



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Tottenham midfield star Glenn Hoddle. He should have had his England chance long ago, says Alan Ball.

England can be surprise packet in Spain, says

THE doom merchants are already writing off England as World Cup no-hopers.

as World Cup no-hopers.

But Southampton's evergreen
Alan Ball, a member of the
victorious 1966 World Cup winning
team, refuses to join their ranks.
Alan, who's the only member of
that glorious team playing League
football today, believes that
England could surprise a few
people in Spain next summer.
"They just managed to scrape
through to the finals and I believe
they're very lucky to have qualified
at all," said Alan.
"But I've got a feeling that they
could be one of the surprise
packages of the championships.
"They haven't played as well as
people would have liked and that
could be just the spur they need,"
said Alan, who made his England
debut back in 1965.
"In a competition lasting such a
short time as the World Cup Finals.

you never know what might happen. Look at the European Championships in Italy in 1980.

"The host nation were one of the red-hot favourites and yet they struggled to reach the play-offs. Belgium surprised everyone by reaching the final. That's why I'd never write off England."

Alan isn't keen to make

comparisons between the current crop of England internationals and the likes of Bobby Moore, Bobby Charlton, Geoff Hurst and Gordon Banks who took the trophy at Wembley in 1966.

"We were the best in England then and I believe the current squad is the best we have now If I

squad is the best we have now. If I made individual comparisons, I'd be accused of sour grapes.

"But 36-year-old 'Ballie' doesn't hide his admiration for the country's most expensive player—£1.7m Brvan Robson of Man. Utd.

"He should be a certainty in the side because I believe he'll shine in Spain. He's an all-round player. He oozes quality in everything he

does. "Bryan is a ferocious tackler and "Bryan is a ferocious tackler and

"Bryan is a ferocious tackler and yet he's very good on the ball. I believe he'll respond to the challenge of Spain.

Alan also believes that
Tottenham's talented young star Glenn Hoddle should be lining up alongside the former West Brom player in the England midfield.

"What disappoints me about the present England set-up is that you have to graduate through about three teams before you're considered good enough to play for the full side.

"My philosophy is that if players

"My philosophy is that if players are good enough, they're young

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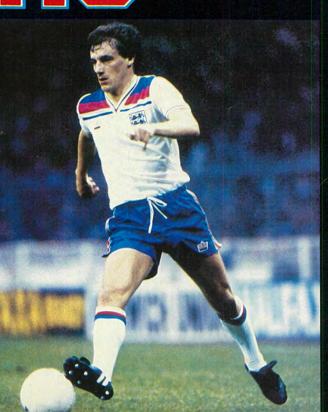


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England shirt is the greatest honour, says

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enough. I see no point in bringing

enough. I see no point in bringing players on slowly even though they can do a job now.
"I believe Glenn Hoddle should have had his chance long ago. Being channelled through so many different teams doesn't help that much," said Alan, who made his England debut at 19-years-old.
On their way to Spain, many people questioned the players' commitment and accused them of being too concerned about money rather than the honour of playing

rather than the honour of playing

for their country. But Alan believes the appeal of pulling on an England shirt is just

the same as it was when England last won the World Cup.
"It still means exactly the same. Playing for your country is one of the greatest honours you can achieve. I don't believe that has

"Every England player gives his all in internationals even though there didn't look to be as much commitment against the Norwegians as there was in our

final qualifier against Hungary.

"At Wembley against Hungary, the players were totally committed. But I believe you've got to get a balance between physical play and skill.

"Too much of either and you've got the wrong blend. The

important thing is to get the mixture just right," said Alan.
England face a tough task when they finally get to Spain with current holders Argentina,
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European Champions West
Germany and three-times World
Cup winners Brazil all hotly tipped
to dominate the championships.
And Alan admits that teams like
Brazil stand a much better chance
of success because they've had
more time to prepare for the finals.
"Brazil were one of the first

"Brazil were one of the first qualifiers for the finals and they've had a settled side for the past two

years. Ron Greenwood has to get a settled side within eight months. "The Brazilians are my bet to take the crown because they're such a good side and have been

such a good side and have been playing together for a long time.

"Because they qualified so early, it gives them a big advantage. Their manager knows roughly who he's going to play. Ron Greenwood still has to find a settled combination," added Alan. England have struggled on the World stage since winning the World Cup 15 years ago. In fact, the last time they qualified off their own backs was in Chile in 1962. In the next two competitions, they went through to the finals as hosts and then winners.

winners.
"I believe we've been unlucky not to qualify since 1970. We were kept from going to West Germany in 1974 by a freak result against

Poland. "Against all the odds, they kept us to a 1-1 draw in a game I found totally unbelievable. We

Flashback to 1966. Alan Ball wears his England shirt with

dominated the match so much. "As far as I'm concerned, the only time we've missed out through our own fault was 1978 in

Argentina. "There's no doubt that the
World Cup needs England to be in
the finals. That's the feedback I get
from people when I go abroad.
"People haven't forgotten that
we're the home of football and it

always generates so much more interest in the tournament if we reach the finals."

Alan played 72 times for his country and many people believe that he could have gone on to beat Bobby Moore's record of 108

appearances.
The former Everton and Arsenal star played his last game for England against Scotland way back in 1975.

And when you consider that many of the game's top names still believe he can do a job for his country, that proves he was retired from the international scene too

early.
"I still think I can produce the goods at international level, but I realise there's not much chance of a recall," he admits honestly.

NEXT Week . . . Alan Ball joins Match Weekly. The fiery former England midfield star tells of his 17 years at the top.



Bryan Robson of Man. Utd. Alan Ball believes he'll respond to the challenge of the World Cup Finals.



We deserve to be in Spain, says BRIAN FLYNN



WALES deserve to be in the World Cup Finals.

That's the opinion of skipper Brian Flynn following the disappointment of missing out on Spain by virtue of goal difference.

Czechoslovakia have taken their passport after drawing 1-1 with Russia in Prague following a campaign in which Wales looked all-over qualifiers until the final stages.

Then, defeats in Czechoslovakia and Russia and that ill-fated home draw with tiny Iceland finally put paid to their hopes

As it turned out, that dropped point against the no-hopers from Iceland on a night when Wales virtually threw caution to the wind in search of goals has cost them dearly.

Leeds midfield general Brian Flynn was a frustrated spectator that night at the Vetch Field because of injury, but he fully realises that Wales' World Cup hopes died with that shock

"We went after goals that night to boost our goal difference and, in the end, a 1-0 victory would have been enough to have taken us to Spain," says Brian.

"Obviously, that result has proved to be our downfall but it's easy, on reflection, to say that we should have played the Iceland game a different way.

"But I firmly believe that our performances over the campaign have deserved a place in the

"From the outset, one could see that three teams would be fighting for the two places and, when you weigh it up, we have missed out on Spain through one bad result against Iceland.

Losing to Czechoslovakia and Russia was nothing to be ashamed of because they are good sides, particularly at home, but unfortunately we didn't get the luck with some of the other results.

"I mean, Russia are a very well organised side and on paper should have beaten the Czechs, but as with the Hungarians against England, one doesn't know how committed they were when playing with the knowledge that they were already in the Finals.

'Look at the favourable results **England and Northern Ireland** received to help their cause. "We played quite well in

Russia but two goals in a five-minute spell rocked us. I admit we didn't play well in Czechoslovakia.

For Brian, there will be another

day, but for men like Dai Davies and Joey Jones this has probably been their last chance of World Cup glory.

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It's the senior players who one feels most disappointed for at this stage The younger ones in the squad will get another chance," adds Brian. "I don't think it will hit us hard

until next summer when we see **England, Scotland and Northern** Ireland lining up in Spain while we are sitting at home watching it on television.

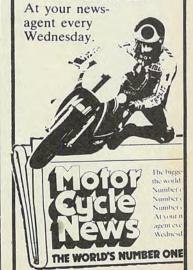
'But I feel that over the past two years, Wales have emerged as a soccer nation to be respected in every corner of the world."

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Above: Alvin Martin — "I don't think there is a better centre-half in the country at the moment, but he must keep proving it year in, year out, like West Brom's John Wile (below).''



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nothing surprises me in football. Who would have predicted Aston Villa to lift it last season?

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years is being reproduced in the First Division on a regular basis. At the start of the season, I felt we would do one of three things. We would do well; we would do

quite well; or we would have a disaster.

I felt we were capable of doing well; I felt sure we would do quite well; and I was fairly confident we wouldn't have a disaster.

If we can maintain this start going into the New Year then there is no reason why we

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shouldn't be looking for a place in the top three

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and failure is very slight, and the difference at times may be as flimsy as confidence.

We work very hard and are playing with a great deal of confidence. Our results over the past two seasons or so are as good

we've certainly seen nothing to worry about, although I admit we were lucky to get a point out of Liverpool. It was almost a case that day of men versus boys.

But people are already writing off Liverpool. They claim they are on the decline, but I would rather wait until the end of the season before I would be so bold as to say

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Personally, I'm more than satisfied with my start to the season. Those four goals at Tottenham early on gave me a big boost and I certainly can't complain about my goal tally so

I've not been in spectacular form, but most of my goals have been scored away from home where it's harder and points are so valuable.

One big plus for the Hammers this season has been the form shown by the younger players like Ray Stewart, Alan Devonshire, Alvin Martin and Paul Goddard

They have adjusted to First
Division football far quicker than I
thought. I felt, in particular, that
Alvin might struggle for a time, but
he appears to be thriving in facing
the best strikers in the country.
And his form culminated in his

selection for England's vital World Cup game with Hungary. It's easy to be biased but I don't think there is a better centre-half in

the country at the moment. But that form is based purely on one-third of a season. He must

one-third of a season. He must keep proving it year in year out like West Brom's John Wile.
People often ask me whether I regret never having had the chance to play for England.
Obviously, I would have loved to have represented my country, but I'm not disappointed at missing out

Probably, I've only myself to blame because if I had produced my West Ham form earlier on in my career, then I might have pushed my name forward.

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Tydeman Tydeman on the crest on the crest of a wave "We are not a great side by any

LIKE the 'Prodigal Son', Dick Tydeman has made a welcome return to home town club Gillingham to promote their historic bid for Second Division status.

After a five-year spell with Charlton, the blond midfield technician is back at Priestfield with a two-fold reason for promotion.

for promotion.

"It would be great for the club if we could get promotion this season for the first time in their history," he says.

"Also, it would be nice to show the fans that the club have ambition and are not content to simply bowl along in mid-table.

in mid-table.
"I think that has been the case in the past with Gillingham and a lot of other clubs in the lower divisions.

"A few years ago, a side could stay in mid-table and survive on their gates.

"Now, with money in short supply, they can't do that and so they need success to bring in the crowds.

success to bring in the crowds.

"Whether we can sustain our impressive start to the season is another matter, but at least we are proving to the Gillingham public that the players want promotion."

And Dick believes that new manager Keith Peacock, a former team-mate of his at Charlton, has instilled the right qualities in the squad to maintain their table-topping quest.

Focus on Divisions squad to maintain their to quest.

Three and Four Society With Melvyn Beck

Rogers goes to Plymouth

Dick Tydeman — "At least we are proving to the Gillingham public that we want promotion."

ANDY Rogers, the 24-year-old winger Southampton picked up from college, has joined Third Division Plymouth for £50,000.

Andy was once on the books of Peterborough United, but decided on a teaching career after being unable to guarantee a first team place.

BOBBY IS FIZZING!

BRADFORD City striker Bobby Campbell has received a methusala of champagne in recognition

of being named one of the regional sports personalities of the month.

Mr David Edwards, managing director of Comben Homes Northern, presented the award to the former Aston Villa striker whose 14 goals have given Roy McFarland's Bradford side a promotion boost

Bourne on trial

FORMER Derby and Crystal Palace striker Jeff Bourne has joined Fourth Division Blackpool on a month's trial.

Jeff has been playing in America with Seattle Sounders.

"We are not a great side by any measure of means, but I have seen nothing better in the division," says Dick who was a guiding light in Charlton's immediate return to Division Two last season.

"It was the same with Charlton last season. Everyone is working hard, we are well organised, and, apart from the odd day, there's no-one in the League who is going to take us apart. "So if you have got 11 players willing to work for each other and the

"So if you have got 11 players willing to work for each other and the team spirit is there, then you have got as much chance of promotion as anyone else in the Third, because there's not a lot of difference between the top and bottom teams.

"With Charlton last season, we had probably the best pair of strikers in the division in Paul Walsh and Derek Hales

Strengths

"At Gillingham, I feel we probably have the best pair of central defenders in Steve Bruce and Mark Weatherly, so our strengths are in that department."

Manager Keith Peacock returned from America in the summer to accept the challenge Gillingham presented, and he bought experience in Dick's former Charlton team-mate Colin Powell and Reading midfield player Richie Bowman.

"Over the past two seasons, I understand morale at Gillingham was pretty low which was to be expected with bad results," says Dick who played more than 200 League games for Gillingham before his £60,000 move to Charlton.

"Keith has lifted the morale and spirit in the club and players are wanting to play."

WHOZ AM I?

I scored the vital goal which saw Northern Ireland qualify for the World Cup Finals next summer. Now turn to page 42 to discover my identity.

KENNY Sansom of Arsenal is one of the worst players in British football.

He can only kick with one foot which was proved when instead of hooking the ball away once, he hit it with his left foot and put it past Pat Jennings. Even York City's full-backs are better.

Why Ron Greenwood picks Sansom for England I don't know.

Andrew Ross, Fulford, York.



I'D like to know why Ron Greenwood DOESN'T pick him for England. Kenny is the best attacking full-back we've got and he'd be better than York's full-backs if he only had one leg! You're sent off.

UTRAGE

Steady Spurs

I'M outraged about the way people criticise the Spurs defence. It always does its job when it's really needed — especially Graham Roberts, Chris Hughton and Paul Miller. So come on all you West Ham and Arsenal fans — give us a chance fans — give us a chance and we'll prove it. Patti Mehmet (14), Southgate, London.

 WEST HAM gave the Spurs defence a chance and spurs defence a charles they blew it . . . by conceding four goals at White Hart Lane! You're booked.

OUTRAGED at something concerning soccer? Then write and tell us about it.

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Wednesday fluked it

I'M outraged that John Motson I M outraged that John Motson commentates on football. If he has to do the job, they should put him on Northern football alone. He is obviously biased towards clubs in the North.

When Sheffield Wednesday played Luton he said Wednesday outclassed Luton, but it was a

outclassed Luton, but it was a

outclassed Luton, but it was a very even game.
Wednesday only won 3-0 through flukey goals.
Richard Smith, Hadleigh, Essex.
FLUKEY 3-0 win! Rubbish.

ve're staying up!

I'M outraged that everyone seems to think that Sunderland will

go down this season. No way!
They are a First Division team having a bad start — that's all. Liverpool, Ipswich and Villa watch out - once Sunderland hit

form there will be no stopping them. Gary Starling, Brandon, Co. Durham.

 JUST how long is their bad start going to last. We are more than a third of the way through the season. You're booked.



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Peter Withe - he should come back into the England side, says Steve Hind.

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NOW that England have finally qualified for Spain, it's time manager Ron Greenwood experimented and brought in new players. He should blend youth and experience by

using players like Tony Morley and Alvin Martin alongside the likes of Peter Withe

Prepare

He's got seven months to prepare for the finals and he should use them wisely. If he does, I'm sure we'll finish in the top eight.

I don't think England will win the World Cup. We can't compete nowadays against the likes of West Germany, Argentina and Brazil. But it's important that the players don't let

us down. No-one wants to see the sort of performance we gave against Norway. Steve Hind, Intake, Doncaster.

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Yorkshire terriers are the top dogs!



SOUTH Yorkshire - for so long one of football's depressed areas — in on its

Sheffield Wednesday and Barnsley are two of Division Two's better sides and are both in the promotion race.

manager Emlyn Hughes, are

consolidating their place in the Second Division.

Even in the lower divisions, things are looking good for us. Sheffield United look like surging straight back up after slipping into the Fourth Divsion for the first time in their history and they're pulling in better crowds than **Notts County!**

The way things are going, at last two clubs from the area will be playing higher grade football next term. M. Littlewood, Aston, Sheffield.

HAVE you got a point to make?
Write to: Terrace Talk, Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ



THANKS Match Weekly for the greatest night of

my life.
I was one of the lucky prize-winners of the England competition and won tickets to the vital World Cup qualifier against Hungary.
Just being there on the historic night was great. It's impossible to describe the atmosphere and the feeling of sheer delight when Paul Mariner scored his goal.
Although I didn't get home until 2am and had to be up at seven the next morning, I really enjoyed the match — thanks Match.
Mike Laney, Portishead, Bristol.

Mike Laney, Portishead, Bristol.

DISGRACEFUL HUNGARIANS

WELL done England! You showed the Hungarians how to play calm, controlled

I was totally disgusted by the Hungarians. Players like Andras Torocsik just couldn't

Just before the kick-off for the second half, he stood in the centre circle with his arms folded looking like a stuffed dummy! He was a disgrace to his country.

England, however, showed composure, determination and style. That attitude was epitomised by the performances of Trevor Brooking, Bryan Robson, Kevin Keegan and

Tony Morley. We're proud of you England! Errol Brown, Bristol.



HE MAY have scored England's winner against Hungary but I still don't believe Paul Mariner is good enough to play for his country.

Ron Greenwood should drop him after the amount of chances he missed against the Hungarians. A part-timer would have

buried at least a couple of goals.

His goal was more luck than judgement and the lpswich star

should be replaced now.
Paul Kelly (15), Walton-Le-Dale, Preston, Lancs.

Nice one, Ron

RON Greenwood has proved his critics wrong and led England to the World Cup Finals in Spain.

People said he should have brought in pour faces but he stuck

brought in new faces but he stuck by his tried and tested players and they've rewarded his loyalty.

Now is the time to experiment with new players as we prepare for the finals.

In my book, the former West Ham manager is just as good as Brian Clough and thoroughly deserves to be in charge of our national team.

Antony Walton, Appleton, Warrington.



Terry Curran - one of the stars helping to push South Yorkshire football back to the top.

Clemence proves them all wrong

SPURS keeper Ray Clemence has once again proved all his critics

Everyone was saying he'd made a mistake to leave Liverpool and join Spurs and at first it looked as though they were right when he went through a spell of letting in 10 goals

from just four games. But now that he's got used to his defence, he's back to his best and recently went six games without

conceding a goal.
In my opinion, he's still the best and deserves to be England's number

Arif Ghani, Longsight, Manchester. *******

GOLDEN GOOF!

THE following Golden Goof was sent in by Alan Hall Sheffield. It seems David McVay was

in danger

kicked out

of London Road!

of being

TALKING POSH

Lincoln manager Colin Murphy, who has just spent a club record £40,000 in buying back midfielder Blenn Cockrill from Swindon, has now had talks with Peterborough defender David on a free kick.

England must pick Hoddle

WHAT does Tottenham star Glenn Hoddle have to do to get picked for the England team?

I was outraged that manager Ron Greenwood didn't include Glenn in the team for the vital World Cup qualifier against

Glenn hasn't been given a chance to show England what he can do. He's young and inexperienced, but the only way he can gain that valuable experience is to play for England.

Jennifer Harper (13), West Horsley, Leatherhead, Surrey.

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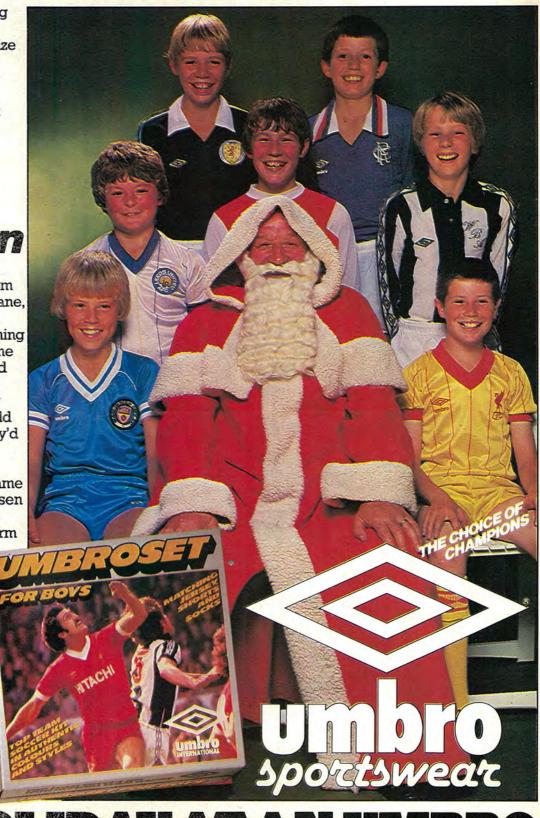
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GOLDEN

PAUL MARINER (England)

v. Hungary, World Cup Wembley, Wed. Nov. 18, 1981

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Above: Trevor Brooking (left)
mis-hits his shot past the
Hungarian defence.
Right: Paul Mariner (9) falls to
the ground after connecting
with the ball to send it
goalwards.
Below: It's there! The Hungarian
defenders appeal as Paul
Mariner takes his goal lying

down!



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FALLING STAR!

PAUL Mariner is unlikely to score a more important goal than the one that booked England's passage to the World Cup Finals in Spain

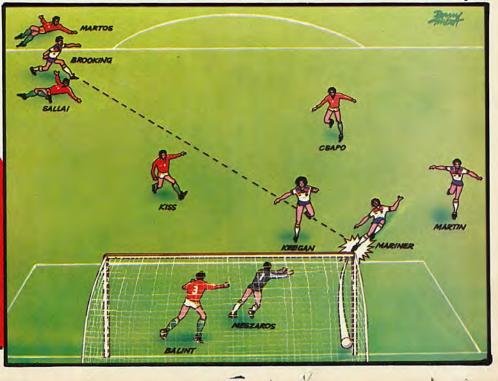
It may not go down in the annals of soccer history as one of the greatest Wembley goals, but in terms of importance it has few equals

importance it has few equals.

Ipswich striker Paul recalls his Wembley winner against Hungary with justified pride: "Terry McDermott floated a free kick towards the far post where Alvin Martin nodded the ball down under pressure from the

goalkeeper.
"Trevor Brooking slipped as he shot, but I was
fortunate to be in the right place to deflect the ball just
inside the upright.

"It may have looked as if I didn't know much about it, but I was in control of the situation. I didn't see the ball cross the line because I fell over."





Scottish reader Steven McDonald picked a manager for his Star Gallery entry. "The big man will be a legend after the World Cup Finals in Spain," says Steven of Scotland boss Jock Stein.



Sunderland's lain Munro is the choice of Simon Bartram (13) of Hebburn, Tyne and Wear. "I chose him because he is a good, hard defender and is due for some Scottish caps," said Simon.

This marvellous action picture of Argentina's Diego Maradona (right) came from Catherine Derrick (16) of Retford, Notts. Catherine chose Maradona simply because "he is the best player in the world".



STAR GALLERY

HERE is another selection of super drawings sent in by Match Weekly readers. We pay £2 for every picture published — so why not send in a drawing of your favourite player telling us why you think he deserves a place in the Match Weekly Star Gallery.

Below: Philip
Sydenham (11) of
Ladysmith Road,
Exeter, believes Bryan
England's best midfield
players and that's why
he sent us this great
picture of the
Manchester United





Wednesday, Nov. 25 (OMMITTED FROM LAST WEEK) FA Cup, First Round, Replay

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Newton 75) Att: 3.739

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Hartlepool: Burleigh 6, Brown 7, Stimpson 7,
Hogan 7, Bird 6, *LINEGHAN 8, Linacre, J 6,
Newton 7, Linacre, P 7 (sub. Houchen 6),
Sweeney 7, Johnson 7.
Wigan: Tunks 7, Cribley 6, Weston 5, Wignall 4
(sub. Glenn), Methven 7, *BRADD 8,
Sheldon 7, Barrow 6, Quinn 4, Houghton 6,

Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★★

Monday, Nov. 30 FA Cup, First Round,

PORT VALE (O) O LINCOLN (0) 0 (After Extra Time) Att: 4.769

Port Vale: Harrison 6, Tartt 6, *BROMAGE 8, Hunter 6, Sproson 6, Bowles 7, Chamberlain, N 6, Moss 6, Greenhoff 6, Armstrong 6,

Chamberlain, M 7. Lincoln: Felgate 7, Turner, P 6, Turner, W 6, *COCKERILL 8, Peake 6, Thompson 7, Shipley 7, Carr 6, Cammack 6, Cunningham 6, Gilbert 5.

Gilbert 5.
Referee: M. Lowe (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★★

FA Cup, First Round, Second Replay

ROCHDALE (0) 0 (After Extra Time) Att: 3,628 (Played at Leeds) Att. 3, 0.28 (Played at Leeds)
Hull: Norman 7, McNeil 6, Booth 6, Roberts, D
6, Deacy 6, Roberts, G 7, *MARWOOD 8,
McClaren 7, Whitehurst 5, Mutrie 6, Swann 6.
Rochdale: *POOLE 8, Cooper 6, Weir 7, Dolan
6, Burke 6, Taylor 6, Esser 6, O'Loughlin 6,
Hiddich 7, Wellings 7, Martinez 6. Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★★

Tuesday, Dec. 1 **UEFA Cup** Third Round, First Leg

WINTERSLAG (Belgium) (0) 0 DUNDEE UNITED (0) 0 Att: 10,000

League Cup, Third Round, Second Replay

WEST HAM (0) 0 WEST BROM (0) 1 (Regis) Att: 24,502

League Cup, Fourth Round

WATFORD (1) 4 (Taylor 30, 88, Armstrong 48, QPR (0) 1 (Stainrod, pen 82) Att: 18,276

Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 6, Terry 5, Bolton 6, Pritchett 5, Taylor 8, *JACKETT 9, Callaghan 8, Blissett 7, Jenkins 7, Barnes 5 (sub. 8, Bissett 7, Jennis 7, 30 Armstrong 6). QPR: Burridge 5, Gregory 5, Fenwick 4, Waddock 5, Howe 6, Roeder 6, Hazell 5 (sub. Micklewhite 5), Flanagan 6, *SEALEY 8,

Stainrod 7, Gillard 5.
Referee: M. Baker (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ***

WIGAN (1) 1 (Houghton 9) ASTON VILLA (0) 2 (Cowans, pen 52, Withe

Att: 15,362 Wigan: Tunks 8, McMahon 7, Glenn 7, Wignall 5 (sub. Wright 6), ★BRADD 9, Methven 7, Sheldon 6, Barrow 6, Quinn 5, Houghton 8, Evans 7.

Aston Villa: Rimmer 6, Swain 7, Gibson 6, Aston Villams 6, Deacy 6, Bremner 6, Shaw 6, Withe 5, *COWANS 8, Morley 6. Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate) Match Rating: ****

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ARSENAL (0) 0 LIVERPOOL (0) 0 Att: 37.917

Att: 37,91 / Arsenal: Jennings 7, Hollins 5, Sansom 7, Talbot 5, O'Leary 7, Whyte 6, McDermott 6 (sub. Hankin 6), ★SUNDERLAND 8, Davis 6, Nicholas 6, Rix 7, Liverpool: Grobbelaar 6, Neal 6, Lawrenson 6,

Thompson 7, Kennedy, R 4, Hansen 6, Dalglish 7, Whelan 5, Rush 5 (sub. Johnson 5), McDermott 6, *SOUNESS 8.

Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
Match Rating: **
Sending Off: R. Kennedy (Liverpool)

Wednesday, Dec. 2 FA Cup, First Round. Second Replay

PORT VALE (0) 2 (Armstrong 53, Chamberlain, LINCOLN (0) O Att: 5,373 Port Vale: Harrison 6, Tartt 6, Bromage 7, **HUNTER 9. Sproson 7, Bowles 6, Chamberlain, N 6, Moss 8, Greenhoff 8, Armstrong 7, Chamberlain, M 7. Lincoln: Felgate 7, Turner, P 6, *TURNER, W 8, Cockerill 6, Peake 6, Thompson 7, Shipley 6,

Carr 6 (sub. Hobson 5), Cammack 5, Cunningham 6, Gilbert 5. Referee: R. A. Banks (Manchester)

Match Rating: ***

League Cup, Third Round, Replay

BRADFORD (1) 2 (Ingham 45, Gallagher, pen

Turner 116) (After Extra Time)

Att: 13.518

Bradford: Ramsbottom 8, Podd 8, Watson 7 (sub. Chapman), ★INGHAM 9, Jackson 8, Wood 7, Gallagher 7, Staniforth 8, Campbell 7 McNiven 7, Ellis 8.

Ipswich: Cooper 8, Burley 6, McCall 8, ★MILLS 9, Osman 7, Butcher 8, Wark 7, Muhren 8, O'Callaghan 8, Brazil 8 (sub. Turner 8), D'Avray

Referee: D. Owen (Wirral) Match Rating: ★★★

League Cup, Fourth Round,

BARNSLEY (0) 1 (Aylott 52) MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0
Att: 33,792
Barnsley: Horn 7, Joyce 6, Chambers 7, Glavin 6, Barks 7. *McCARTHY 8, Evans 6, Riley 6, Aylott 7, McHale 6, Barrowclough 7, Man City: Corrigan 6, Ranson 6, McDonald 6, Reid 6, Bond 6, Caton 6, Tueart 7, Reeves 7,

Boyer 6, ★HARTFORD 8, Hutchison 7. Referee: H. Taylor (Oadby) Match Rating: ★★★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 2 (Wallace 46, Rober 54) TRANMERE (0) 0

Att: 12 244

Nott'm Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 6, Gray 6, Proctor 7, Fairclough 6, Gunn 6, *ROBER 9 (sub. Mills 6), Wallace 8, Fashanu6, Walsh 6, Robertson 7.

Tranmere: Endersby 7, Mungall 6, Burgess 6,

Mountfield 6, Bramhall 7, Morley 6, Hamilton 7, **HUTCHINSON 8, Williams 7, Brown 6,

Referee: A. W. Grey (Great Yarmouth)
Match Rating: ★★★

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Hazard 43) FULHAM (0) 0 Att: 30,214

Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 7, Miller 6, Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 7, Miller 6, Roberts 7, *HAZARD 8, Perryman 7, Ardiles 7, Archibald 7, Galvin 7, Hoddle 7, Crooks 6. Fulham: Peyton 7, Hopkins 7, Strong 7, O'Driscoll 6, Brown 6, *GALE 8, Davies 7, Wilson 6, Coney 7, O'Sullivan 7, Lewington 7. Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)

Division Three

CHESTER (0) 1 (Cooke 68) DONCASTER (0) 1 (Snodin, G 89)

Att: 1,555 Chester: Millington 7, Raynor 5 (sub. Cooke 7), Burns 6, Storton 7, Cottam 5, Blackwell 7, *HORNSBY 8, Simpson 6, Ludlam 7, Phillips 6, Sutcliffe 6.

Doncaster: Boyd 6, Russell 7, Cooper 6, Snodin, I 7, Lister 7, Dowd 5, Pugh 7, *NIMMO 8, Douglas 7, Snodin, G 7, Harle 6 (sub. Mell). Referee: M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Rating: ★★★

Friday, Dec. 4 **Division Two**

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Micallef 31) DERBY (0) 0

Att: 5,515
Cardiff: Healey 6, Grapes 7, Gilbert 7, Maddy 7, Pontin 6, Bennett, G 7, Bennett, D 7,

*MICALLEF 8, Stevens 7, Hughes 6, Lewis 7.
Derby: *JONES 8, Osgood 6, Richards 7,
Buckley 6, Sheridan 6, Powell 5, Coop 5, Hector 6 (sub. Skivington), Wilson 6, Swindlehurst 7, Emson 5.
Referee: L. F. Burden (Dorset)
Match Rating: ***

Division Four

COLCHESTER (1) 2 (Allinson 14, Noble, og 87) BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Bamber 31) Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 6, Coleman 5,

Leslie 5, Wignall 6, Wright 5, Adcock 6 (sub Rowles 6), *BREMNER 8, Osborne 7, McDonough 6, Allinson 6. Blackpool: Hesford 6, Simmonite 7, Hart 5, Wann 7, Pashley 5, Blair 5, Noble 4, Harrison 6, *HOCKADAY 8, Bamber 7, Morris 6. Referee: A. Robinson (Waterlooville)
Match Rating: ★★★

Saturday, Dec. 5 **Division One**

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Evans, pen 34, 50) NOTTS COUNTY (1) 1 (McCulloch 13)

Birmingham: ★COTON 8, Langan 6, Dennis 7, Curbishley 6, Van den Hauwe 5, Broadhurst 6, Dillon 7, Whatmore 6, Evans 7, Gemmill 7, Van

Notts County: Avramovic 7. Benjamin 6. O'Brien 6, Hunt 6, Kilcline 7, Richards 6, Chiedozie 5, Goodwin 7, *McCULLOCH 8, Hooks 7, Mair 7,

Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen) Match Rating: ★★★

BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Smith 30, Ritchie, A 81) SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Ritchie, T 21)

Att: 14,251
Brighton: Moseley 7, Shanks 7, Nelson 6. Grealish 5, Foster 6, Gatting 6, Ryan 6, Smith 7, Robinson 7 (sub. Ritchie, A), McNab 7, *THOMAS 8.

Sunderland: *SIDDALL 8, Venison 7, Munro 6 (sub. Chisholm 7), Elliott 7, Clarke 6, Ritchie 6, Buckley 6, McCoist 7, Bowyer 6, Pickering 5,

Cummins 6.
Referee: D. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: **

EVERTON (0) 3 (Sharp 48, O'Keefe 60, 67) SWANSEA (0) 1 (Latchford 79) Att: 23.860

Att: 23.860
Everton: Arnold 7, Stevens 8, Ratcliffe 7, Walsh 7, Lyons 8, Kendall 7, McMahon 7, Ross 8, Sharp 7, Biley 7, *\O'KEEFE 9.
Swansea: Davies 7, Robinson 8, Hadziabdic 7, Rajkovic 7, Irwin 8, Mahoney 8, Curtis 7, James, R7, *\D'AMES, L 9, Thompson 7 (sub. Stanley 7). Latchford 8.

7), Latchford 8. Referee: K. A. Redfern (Whitley Bay)

Match Rating: ★★★

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (Tueart 69) ASTON VILLA (0) 0

ASTON VILLA (0) 0
Att: 32,487
Man City: *CORRIGAN 9, Ranson 6,
McDonald 6, Reid 6, Bond 6, Caton 6, Tueart 7,
Reeves 6, Francis 8, Hartford 7, Hutchison 6.
Aston Villa: *RIMMER 8, Swain 6, Gibson 6,
Evans 7, Williams 6, Deacy 6, Bremner 6, Shaw
7, Withe 7, Cowans 6, Morley 6.
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
Match Rating: ****

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0 IPSWICH (1) 1 (D'Avray 26) Att: 13,577

Middlesbrough: Platt 6, Nattrass 5, Bolton 5, Ross 5, Baxter 5, *McANDREW 7, Cochrane 5, Otto 5, Woof 5 (sub. Ashcroft 5), Hodgson 5,

Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 7, McCall 6, ★MILLS 8, Osman 7, Butcher 7, Wark 6, Muhren 7, D'Avray 7, Turner 6, Parkin 6. Referee: A. Challinor (Rotherham) Match Rating: ★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0 LIVERPOOL (0) 2 (Lawrenson 57, Kennedy, R

Att: 24 521

Nott'm Forest: Shilton 6, Mills 6, Gray 5, Proctor 6. Anderson 6. Gunn 5. Rober 6.

Wallace 5, Fashanu 5, Walsh 5,

★ROBERTSON 7.
Liverpool: ★GROBBELAAR 8, Neal 5,
Lawrenson 7, Thompson 6, Kennedy, R 6,
Hansen 6, Dalglish 5, Whelan 6, Rush 7, McDermott 7, Souness 6.
Referee: C. A. Maskell (Cambridge)
Match Rating: ***

SOUTHAMPTON (2) 3 (Moran 32, Keegan 41, MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 2 (Stapleton 26,

Att: 24.404 Southampton: Katalinic 6, Golac 8, Holmes 6,

Williams 7, Nicholl 8, Waldron 6, KKEEGAN 9, Channon 6, Moran 7, Armstrong 7, Ball 6.

Man Utd: Roche 6, Gidman 7, Albiston 6,

Willkins 8, Moran 6, McQueen 6, Robson 6,

Birtles 6, Stapleton 7, Moses 6, McIlroy 5.

Referee: D. S. Vicker (Ilford) Match Rating: ***

LEEDS (2) 2 (Graham 2, Hamson 34) Stoke: McManus 6, Evans 6, Doyle 6, Dodd 5.

STOKE (0) 1 (Heath 51)

Hampton 6, Johnson 6, Bracewell 6, Heath 6, O'Callaghan 5, Chapman 5, ★GRIFFITHS 7. Leeds: Lukic 7, Cherry 6, Hart 6, Burns 6, Gray, F 6. Hird 6. *HAMSON 8. Stevenson 7. Harris 6, Butterworth 6, Graham 7. Referee: P. Tyldesley (Stockport) Match Rating: ***

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Hazard 22) COVENTRY (1) 2 (Hunt 40, Gillespie 69) Att: 28,073

Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 6 (sub. Villa 6) Miller 6, Roberts 6, Hazard 6, *PERRYMAN 8, Ardiles 7, Archibald 6, Galvin 6, Hoddle 7,

Coventry: Blyth 7, Thomas 7, Roberts 7, Jacobs 7, Dyson 7, ★GILLESPIE 8, Hendrie 6, Daly 6 (sub. Kaiser 6), Thompson 7, Hateley 7, Hunt 7. Referee: M. Taylor (Kent)
Match Rating: ★★★

WEST BROM (0) 3 (Regis 50, 87, Whitehead

WOLVES (0) 0

Att: 23,378
West Brom: Grew 6, Batson 7, *STATHAM 9, King), Brown 5, Regis 7, Owen 7, Mackenzie 7.

Wolves: *BRADSHAW 8, Palmer 6,

Humphrey 6 (sub. Birch), Daniel 5, Gallagher 6, Berry 7, Matthews 6, Eves 6, Gray 6, Richards

7, Brazier 7.
Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
Match Rating: **

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Pearson 86)
ARSENAL (2) 2 (Whyte 15, Hollins, pen 45)
Att: 33,833
West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 5, Lampard 6,
Bonds 6, Martin 6, *DEVONSHIRE 8, Barnes
5 (sub. Banton 6), Pearson 7, Cross 6, Brooking
7, Allen 7.

7, Allen 7.
Arsenal: Jennings 7, Robson 7, Sansom 7,
Talbot 7, O'Leary 7, Whyte 7, ★HOLLINS 8,
Sunderland 7, Davis 7, Nicholas 6, Rix 6.
Referee: A. W. Grey (Great Yarmouth)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Two

BARNSLEY (0) 2 (Glavin 53, 73) CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0 Att: 14,877

Barnsley: Horn 7, Joyce 7, Chambers 6, Glavin 7, Banks 6, McCarthy 7, Evans 6, Riley 6, Aylott 7, McHale 7, *BARROWCLOUGH 8. /, McHale /, **BARHOWELDUGH 8.

Crystal Palace: ★BARRON 8, Galliers 5,
Boulter 6, Murphy 6, Cannon 6, Lovell 6, Brooks
5, Smillie 7, Langley 6, Mabbutt 6, Hilaire 7.

Referee: D. Allison (Lancaster)

Match Rating: ★★★

BOLTON (0) 1 (Hoggan 58) QPR (0) 0

Bolton: McDonagh 7, Whitworth 6, Bailey 6, Henry 7, *JONES 8, Gowling 6, Chandler 6, Foster 6, Carter 7, Cantello 6, Hoggan 7. QPR: Burridge 6, Gregory 7, Fenwick 7 (sub. Burke 6), *WADDOCK 8, Howe 6, Roeder 7, Micklewhite 6, Flanagan 6, Sealy 7, Stainrod 6,

Referee: J. M. Key (Rotherham) Match Rating: ★★

CAMBRIDGE (2) 2 (Taylor 16, Reilly 44) WREXHAM (0) 3 (Edwards 60, 70, Vinter 89)

Att: 3,172 Cambridge: Key 6, Donaldson 6, Murray 6, Christie 5 (sub. Smith), Fallon 6, O'Neill 6, Taylor 7, Spriggs 6, Mayo 6, ★REILLY 8,

Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 7, Jones 6, Bater 6 Dowman 6, Cegielski 6, Ronson 7, *FOX 8, Hill 6, Edwards 7, Vinter 7, Carrodus 6. Referee: M. J. Boddenham (Sussex) Match Rating: ★★★

CHELSEA (1) 2 (Hales 8, Lee 59) SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 1 (Bannister

Chelsea: Francis 7, Wilkins 6 (sub. Brown 7), Hutchings 7, Hales 8, Droy 7, Pates 5, Mayes 7, Bumstead 6, *LEE 9, Walker 8, Fillery 6. Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Sterland 6, Williamson 5, Smith 7, Shirtliff 6, Taylor 7, Megson 6, Leman 7, Bannister 7, McCulloch 6 (sub. Hornsby 6), *CURRAN 8.

Referee: B. Stevens (Gloucestershire)
Match Rating: ★★★

NEWCASTLE (0) 0 BLACKBURN (0) 0

Att: 18,721
Newcastle: Carr 6, Brownlie 7, Saunders 6, Trewick 6, Carney 7, Haddock 6, Brown 6 (sub Shoulder), *MARTIN 8, Varadi 6, Wharton 7

Blackburn: Gennoe 6, Branagan 7, Rathbone 7, Arnott 6, *KEELEY 8, Fazackerley 7, Miller 6 Stonehouse 6, Brown 7, Garner 7, Brotherston

Referee: M. G. Peck (Kendal)
Match Rating: ★★

NORWICH (0) 0 LEICESTER (0) 0

Att: 13,367 Norwich: Woods 7, Symonds 6, Donachie 6, *McGUIRE 9, Walford 8, Watson 8, Jack 5, Muzinic 7, Royle 7 (sub. Mendham 7), Bertschin

Leicester: Wallington 7, Williams 7, Leet 7, Peake 7, May 7, O'Neill 7, Lynex 8, ★HEBBERD 9, Lineker 7, Wilson 7, Kelly 8. Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow) Match Rating: ★★★

OLDHAM (1) 3 (Heaton 3, Steel 52, Wylde, pen

GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Ford 6)

Att: 5,907
Oldham: McDonnell 6, Hoolickin 6, Ryan 7, Keegan 6, Clements 6, *FUTCHER 8, Wylde 6, Heaton 7, Steel 7, McDonough 7, Atkinson 6. Grimsby: Batch 6, Moore, D 6, Crombie 6, O'Dell 5 (sub. Drinkell 6), Wigginton 6, Moore, K 6, Brolly 7, Ford 7, Whymark 6, Mitchell 6, *CUMMING 8. Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)

Match Rating: **

ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Towner 30)

Att. 6,346
Rotherham: Mountford 6, Forrest 7, Taylor 7,
Rhodes 7, *STANCLIFFE 8, Green 7, Towner
7, Gooding 7, Moore 7, Fern 6, Henson 6.
Orient: Day 7, Hughton 6, Cunningham 7,
Taylor 6, Gray 6, Fisher 6, *GODFREY 8,
Silkman 6, Giles 6, Margerrison 7, McNeil 6.
Referee: T. Fitzharris (Bolton) Match Rating: ***

SHREWSBURY (2) 2 (Dungworth 5, Atkins 32) LUTON (1) 2 (White 15, Donaghy 76)

Shrewsbury: *WARDLE 8, MacLaren 6 Johnson 7, Cross 6, Griffin 7, Keay 7, Tong 7, Dungworth 7, Atkins 7, McNally 6, Bates 6. Luton: Judge 7, Stephens 6, Aizlewood 7, *HORTON 8, Goodyear 6, Donaghy 7, Hill 6 (sub. Antic 6), Stein 6, White 7, Fuccillo 6, Moss

Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield) Match Rating: ***

WATFORD (2) 2 (Lohman 9, Taylor 41) CHARLTON (0) 2 (Hales 74, Rice, og 83)

Watford: Sherwood 7, Rice 7, Pritchett 6, Taylor 7, Terry 6, Bolton 6, Callaghan 7, ★BLISSETT 8, Jenkins 6, Jackett 6, Lohman 7. o, Jerkills o, Jackett o, Lonman 7, Charlton: Johns 7, Naylor 6, Ferns 6, Smith 7, Madden 6 (sub. Ambrose 6), Phillips 7, Elliott 7, Walsh 6, ★HALES 8, Berry 6, Robinson 6. Referee: K. Baker (Rugby) Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Williams, B 66) FULHAM (1) 2 (Coney 43, Davies 64)

Att: 4,489
Bristol Rovers: *THOMAS 8, Jones, V 6,
Williams, B 7, McCaffery 6, Hughes 6, Mabbutt
7, Barratt 5, Gillies 6, Stephens 7, Randall 6,
Williams, D 6 (sub. Parkin 6).
Fulham: Peyton 7, Hopkins 6, Strong 7,
O'Driscoll 6, *BROWN 8, Gale 7, Davies 7,
Wilson 6, Coney 7, O'Sullivan 6, Lewington 7.
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Abingdon)
Match Rating: ** ***

Match Rating: ★★★ BURNLEY (0) 2 (Cassidy 58, Hamilton 84) OXFORD (0) 1 (Brock 49) Att: 4,346

Burnley: Stevenson 6, Laws 6, Wharton 7, Cassidy 6, Overson 6, Laws 6, Wharton 7, Cassidy 6, Overson 6, Phelan 6, Dobson 7, Steven 6, Hamilton 7, *McGEE 8, Young 7. Oxford: *BURTON 8, Doyle 6 (sub. Thomas 6), Fogg 6, Jeffrey 7, Briggs 7, Shotton 7, Brock 6, Foley 6, Cassells 6, Jones 6, Smithers 7. Referee: N. Ashley (Nantwich) Match Rating: ***

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CHESTER (0) 1 (Cooke 71) SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Greaves 64) Att: 1,388 Chester: Millington 7, Needham 5, Burns 5,

Storton 7, Cottam 6, Blackwell 5, Sutcliffe 6, Simpson 7, Ludlam 5, Phillips 6, *COOKE 8. Southend: Keeley 6, Stead 5, Yates 6,

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Match Rating: ★★

DONCASTER (0) 0 PORTSMOUTH (0) 0

PORTSMOUTH (U) U
Att: 5,912
Doncaster: Boyd 6, Russell 6, *COOPER 9,
Snodin, I 6, Lally 6, Dowd 6, Pugh 7, Nimmo 8
(sub. Dawson 6), Warboys 6, Snodin, G 7, Lister

Portsmouth: *KNIGHT 9, McLaughlin 8. Bryant 7, Doyle 7, Aizlewood 8, Rollings 7, Hemmerman 7, Barnard 7, Tait 6, Cropley 7, Crown 6 (sub. Rogers 6). Referee: B. Martin (Keyworth)

Match Rating: **

CHESTERFIELD (1) 3 (Bonnyman 5 Green 60) Wilson 64) Att: 3,947

Exeter: Main 5, Rogers, M 5, Sparrow 5, Lester 4, Cooke 5, Roberts 5, Pullar 4, Rogers, P 5, *KELLOW 6, Delve 5, Hatch 5 (sub. Marker 5). Chesterfield: Turner 7, Stirk 7, O'Neill 7, *WILSON 9, Green 8, Pollard 7, Windridge 7, Henderson 8, Bonnyman 7, Kowalski 7, Walker

Referee: T. Glasson (Salisbury) Match Rating: ***

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (White, pen 81) WALSALL (1) 4 (O'Kelly 21, 65, Penn 55, Rees

Att: 5,845
Gillingham: Hillyard 6, Sharpe 6, Ford 6 (sub.
Overton 7), *BRUCE 8, Weatherly 6, Bowman
6, Powell 6, Tydeman 7, White 7, Lee 7, Price 7.
Walsall: *KGREEN 8, Macken 7, Mower 6,
Beech 7, Serella 7, Hart 7, Rees 7, Loveridge 6,
Penn 7, Caswell 7, O'Kelly 7.
Referee: J. Moules (Ongar)
Match Rating: ***

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0

PLYMOUTH (0) 0 Att: 6,949 Huddersfield: Taylor 6, *BROWN 7, Burke 6, Lillis 6, Sutton 6, Wilson 6, Stanton 5, Kennedy 5, Austin 6 (sub. Fletcher 5), Robins 6, Cowling

Plymouth: Crudgington 6, Nisbet 7, Uzzell 6, Harrison 6, Phillipson-Masters 6, Cooper 6, Hodges 7, Cook 7, Sims 7, ★PHILLIPS 8, Rogers 6.

Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
Match Rating: **

MILLWALL (1) 1 (Chatterton, pen 32) CARLISLE (1) 2 (Bannon 17, 69)

CARLISLE (1) 2 (Bannon 17, 69)
Att: 4,740
Millwall: Gleasure 5, Martin 7, Warman 6,
*CHATTERTON 8, Allardyce 6, Roberts 6,
Hayes 7 (sub. Neal 7), Massey 6, Bartley 6,
Horrix 6, West 7.
Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Parker 6, Rushbury 7,

Haigh 7, Ashurst 7, Lerkin 7, Crabbe 6, Robson 7, Lee 6, Bannon 7, *STANIFORTH 8. Referee: D. J. Axcell (Southend) Match Rating: ***

PRESTON (1) 1 (Bruce 43) BRENTFORD (1) 3 (Bowen 34, 53, Johnson

Att: 4.162 Att: 4,162
Preston: Litchfield 6, Taylor 7, McAteer 6,
O'Riordan 7, Booth 7, Doyle 7, Anderson 7,
Clark 7, *BRUCE 8, Elliott 6, Sayer 7,
Brentford: *McKELLAR 8, Salman 7, Tucker
6, McNichol 7, Whitehead 7, Hurlock 6, Kamara
7, Bowen 7, Johnson 7, Bowles 7, Roberts 6.
Referee: M. S. Heath (Stoke) Match Rating: ***

READING (1) 3 (Kearney 13, Webb, pen 69, LINCOLN (1) 2 (Cammack 14, Shipley, pen 86)

Att: 2,973 Reading: Fearon 5, Williams 4, Cullen 5, Webb Reading: Fearon 5, Williams 4, Cullen 5, Webb 5, Hicks 6, Wood 5, Beavon 5, Earles 6, Dixon 6, Kearney 4, *DONNELLAN 7.
Lincoln: Felgate 5, Turner, P 5, Beavon, D 5, Cockerill 6, Peake 5, Thompson 6, *SHIPLEY 7, Carr 6, Cammack 5, Cunningham 4, Neale 5, Referee: M. L. James (Horsham)
Match Rating: ***

SWINDON (0) 0

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0 Att: 6,949 Swindon: Allan 7, Baddeley 7, Williams 7, Swindon: Allan 7, Baddeley 7, Williams 7,
*HUGHES 8, Lewis 7, Graham 7, Emmanuel 5, Carter 6, Rowland 7, Rideout 7, Pritchard 6.
Bristol City: *MOLLER 8, Stevens 6, Williams 7, Aitken 6, Boyle 7, Nicholls 7, Devine 6, Mann 7, Chandler 7, Harford 7, Tainton 6.
Referee: J. E. Martin (Alton)
Match Rating: ***

WIMBLEDON (0) 2 (Clement 65, Lazarus 73) NEWPORT (2) 3 (Tynan 4, Elsey 8, Waddle 57)

Wimbledon: Beasant 6. Clement 7. Armstrong Newport: Kendall 8, Walden 7 (sub. Bishop 6),

Newport: Kendall 8, Walden 7 (sub. Bishop 6), Relish 7, Davies 7, Oakes 8, Bailey 7, Vaughan 7, Lowndes 7, *WADDLE 9, Tynan 8, Referee: | | Borrett (Diss)

Match Rating: **

Division Four

BRADFORD (2) 2 (Jackson 3, McNiven 10) PETERBOROUGH (0) 0 Att: 4.875

Bradford: Ramsbottom 7, Podd 7, Watson 6, Ingham 7, Jackson 7, Wood 6, Gallagher 7, Staniforth 7, Campbell 6, *McNIVEN 8 (sub. Chapman), Ellis 7.

Peterborough: Freeman 6, Butler 6, Collins 6,

*GYNN 8, Smith 6, Phillips 6 (sub. Massey 6), Syrett 6, Kellock 7, Cooke 6, Hodgson 7, Chard

Referee: N. Wilson (Morecambe) Match Rating: ***

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Newton 77) BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Heffernan 89) Att: 1 760

Att: 1,760 Hartlepool: Burleigh 7, Brown 7, Linacre, P7, Hogan 6, Bird 6, ★LINIGHAN 8, Linacre, J7, Newton 7, Sweeney 7, Houchen 5, Johnson 7. Bournemouth: Leigh 7, *HEFFERNAN 8, Sulley 6, Impey 5, Brignull 7, Dawtry 6, Smith 7, Williams 5, Spackman 6, Crawford 7, Funnell 7. Referee: D. Scott (Burnley) Match Rating: ★★★

BOCHDALE (0) 0

ROCHDALE (0) 0
Att: 2,312
Hereford: Brand 6, Price 7, Sullivan 7, Hicks 7,
*DOBSON 8, Spiring 6, Harvey 7, Laidlaw 6,
Phillips 6, Showers 5, White 5 (sub. McGrellis).
Rochdale: *POOLE 8, Cooper 6, Weir 6, Dolan
5, Burke 6, Taylor 5, Esser 6, O'Loughlin 6,
Hilditch 5, Wellings 5, Goodwin 6 (sub.

Hamilton).
Referee: H. W. King (Merthyr Tydfil)
Match Rating: ★★

HULL (0) 1 (Mutrie 55) CREWE (0) 0 Att: 3,184

Hull: Norman 5. McNeil 7. Booth 6, Roberts, D Hull: Norman 5, McNeil 7, Booth 6, Noberts, D 6, *DEACY 8, Roberts, G 5, Marwood 6, McClaren 7, Whitehurst 5, Mutrie 6, Swann 6. Crewe: *MULHEARN 8, Lewis 7, Bowers 5, Salathiel 6, Scott 6, Griffiths 6, Haselgrave 5 (sub, Chester 5), Callaghan 5, Ricketts 5, Palios 6. Williams 5.

6, Williams 5.
Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)
Match Rating: **

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0 DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Walsh 48)

Att. 1 669 Att: 1,669
Northampton: Poole 7, Taylor 6, Saxby 6, Gage 6, Brady 7, Sandy 5, Buchanan 6, Heeley 5, Saunders 6, *PHILLIPS 8, Mahoney 5.
Darlington: Cuff 8, Kamara 6, Wilson 6, Smith 6, Skipper 7, Speedie 6, Stalker 6, McLean 7, Wicks 8, Hamilton 5, *WALSH 9.
Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: **

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0

PORT VALE (0) 0
Att: 1,902
Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Davy 6, Pilling 7,
*KEELEY 8, Arins 7, Oates 7, Lambert 7,
O'Berg 6, Cowling 6, Moss, D 6, Stewart 7 (sub.
Telfer).

Port Vale: Harrison 6, Tartt 6, Bromage 7, Hunter 6, *SPROSON 8, Bowles 6, Chamberlain, N 7, Moss, E 6, Greenhoff 5, Armstrong 6, Chamberlain, M 7. Referee: M. P. Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ***

SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 2 (Kenworthy 58, ALDERSHOT (0) 0

ALDERSHOT (0) O
Att: 11,541
Sheff Utd: Waugh 7, Ryan 7, Houston 6,
Garner 6, McAlle 6 (sub. Richardson 7),
Kenworthy 7, Neville 7, Trusson 6, Edwards 7,
Hatton 7, *CHARLES 8.
Aldershot: *JOHNSON 8, Edwards 7, Scott 7,

Jopling 7, Bennett 7, Wooler 6, Lucas 5 (sub. French 6), McDonald 6, Garwood 5, Brodie 6, Robinson 7. Referee: D. A. Webb (Sale)

Match Rating: ★★★

TORQUAY (1) 1 (Brown 12) BURY (0) 1 (Johnson 86) Att: 2.386 Torquay: O'Keefe 6, Jones 6, Butler 7, Brown 6, Wilson 6, *LARMOUR 8, Murphy 7, Lawrence 6, Cox 6 (sub. Cooper 6), Rioch 6, Young 6. Bury: Brown 6, Howard 6, Kennedy 6, Gore 6, Hilton, P 6, Cruickshank 6, ★MADDEN 8, Mullen 7 Johnson 6 Jakub 6 Hilton 5 (sub Constantine 6).
Referee: T. Spencer (Salisbury)

Match Rating: ***

TRANMERE (1) 2 (Hutchinson 18, Hamilton

90) MANSFIELD (0) 2 (Morgan 61, 63)

Tranmere: Johnson 5, Mungall 6, *BURGESS 8, Mountfield 6, Bramhall 6, Craven 6, Hamilton 7, Williams 6, Hutchinson 7, Kerr 5.

Griffiths 6.
Mansfield: Arnold 6, McJannet 6, Foster 6, Bell 6, Burrows 6, Wood 6, Lumby 5, Morgan 7, Mann 6, Caldwell 7, ★PARKINSON 8. Referee: A. Robinson (Radcliffe) Match Rating: ★★★

WIGAN (0) 2 (Houghton 52, Bradd 55) HALIFAX (0) 0 Att: 4,022

Wigan: Tunks 8, McMahon 7, Glenn 6, ★BRADD 9, Methven 7, Wignall 6, Sheldon 7, Barrow 5, Evans 6, Quinn 7, Houghton 8 (sub. Wright 6).

Halifax: Smelt 7. Chamberlain 6. Avre 7. Evans 6, Carr 7, Hendrie 7, Ward 6, Davison 6, *SPOONER 8, Graham 6 (sub. Whiteley),

Referee: F. Roberts (Prestatyn)
Match Rating: ***

YORK (2) 2 (Walwyn 22, Kay 33) STOCKPORT (2) 2 (Vaughan 14, Park 34)

STOCKPORT (2) 2 (Vaughan 14, Park 34)
Att: 1,762
York: Blackburn 6, Senior 5, Flood 5, Hood 4,
Czuczman 6, Kay 7, Pollard 7, Crosby 6,
*WALWYN 8, Ford 7, Bentham 7.
Stockport: Lloyd 6, Rutter 6, Sherlock 6, Fowler
7, Thorpe 7, Vaughan 7, *WILLIAMS 8, Power
6, Sunley 6, Park 7, Smith 7,
Perferce 9, L. Bichardson (Lipson)

Referee: P. J. Richardson (Lincoln) Match Rating: ***

SCOTTISH **Premier Division**

AIRDRIE (1) 2 (Anderson 4, Gordon 67) RANGERS (1) 2 (MacDonald 10, Russell 76)

Att: 14,500 Airdrie: Martin 7, Cairney 6, Rodger 7, March 6, McCluskey 6 (sub. McKeown 7), Walker 6, Gordon 7, *ANDERSON 8, McGuire 6, Clark 7, Flood 6.

Rangers: Stewart 7, Jardine 6, Miller 7. Stevens 6, Jackson 7, Russell 6, Bett 7, MacDonald 7, ★DALZIEL 8, Johnstone 7 (sub McKay), Cooper 6. Referee: T. Muirhead (Edinburgh) Match Rating: ★★★

CELTIC (0) 3 (McGarvey 59, 84, Conroy 81) DUNDEE (0) 1 (Sinclair 89)

DUNDEE (b) 1 (Sinciair 89)
Att: 14,570
Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 7, Reid 6, *AITKEN 8, McAdam 7, Conroy 6, Provan 7, MacLeod 6, McCluskey 7, Burns 6, McGarvey 6.
Dundee: Blair 7, Barr 6, McLelland 6, Glennie 7, McDonald 6, Cameron 6, *FRASER 8, Bell (Auth Victal Siedair 7, Fersusan Mackin 7) 6 (sub. Kidd), Sinclair 7, Ferguson 6, Mackie 7 Referee: H. Alexander (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ***

DUNDEE UNITED (0) 1 (Bannon, pen 75) HIBERNIAN (0) O

Att: 6,500 Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Holt 6, Murray 7, Gough 6 (sub. Malpas 6), Hegarty 7, Narey 7, Kirkwood 6, Bannon 7, ★MILNE 8, Sturrock 7,

Hibs: McArthur 6, McLaren 6, Schaedler 7, Brazil 6, ★PATERSON 8, Sneddon 6, Callaghan 7, Rae 6, Murray 7, MacLeod 6, Duncan 7.
Referee: R. Cuthill (Wynchburgh)

Match Rating: ★★★

MORTON (0) 2 (McNeil 57, Houston 72) ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Hewitt 63) Att: 3.200

Morton: Baines 7, *HAYES 9, Holmes 7, McLaughlin 6, Orr 6, Rooney 7, Busby 7, Docherty 6, McNeil 8, Hutchison 6, Houston 7. Docherty 6, McKell 8, Hutchison 6, Houston 7.
Aberdeen: Leighton 6, Kennedy 6, McMaster 5,
(sub. Cooper 6), Simpson 7, McLeish 6,
*MILLER 8, Strachan 7, Watson 6, McGhee 7
(sub. Hewitt 6), Black 7, Weir 6.
Referee: D. Syme (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ***

ST MIRREN (0) 2 (Bone 81, Stark 89)

S1 MIRKEN (0) 2 (Bone 81, Stark 89)
PARTICK (0) 1 (Park 48)
Att: 4,513
St Mirren: Thomson 7, McCormack 7, Beckett 6
(sub. Logan 6), Fulton 7, Copeland 6, Fitzpatrick
7, ★STARK 8, Abercrombie 6, McAvennie 6,
Somner 5 (sub. Bone 6), Scanlon 5.



Partick: Rough 7, Murray 6, Whittaker 7, Dunlop 6, ★ANDERSON 8, Jardine 7, Doyle 6, Park 7, Watson 6, Johnston 7, Higgins 6.
Referee: J. Simmons (Ayr)
Match Rating: ***

First Division

AYR (0) 2 (Morris 49, 53) RAITH (0) 0 Att: 780

CLYDEBANK (1) 2 (Millar 35, Coyne 66) QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 1 (McCann 88) Att: 400

DUNFERMLINE (1) 1 (McNaughton, pen 12) KILMARNOCK (2) 2 (McBride 14, McDicken 24) Att: 2,000

EAST STIRLING (0) 0 MOTHERWELL (2) 6 (Carson 4, Forbes 44, Rafferty 47, Irvine 60, McClelland 69, McLaughlin, pen 89) Att: 970

HAMILTON (2) 2 (Brown 25, McDowell 44) FALKIRK (0) 0 Att: 1.000

HEARTS (0) 1 (Pettigrew 83) QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 (McNiven, pen 90) Att: 3,971

STJOHNSTONE (2) 5 (Weir 10, 75, Morton 23, Mackay 65, Brogan 88) **DUMBARTON (1) 2** (Blair 20, Kenny, pen 80)

Second Division

ARBROATH (0) 2 (Gavine 76, Yule 90) ALLOA (1) 1 (McComb 27) Att: 560

BERWICK (3) 6 Lawson 32, 49, 56, Davidson 27, McCulloch 39, McGlynn 65) ALBION (1) 1 (Burgess 41)

EAST FIFE (1) 2 (Caithness 16, Scott 50) BRECHIN (0) 2 (Mackie 80, Henderson 83) Att: 531



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MONTROSE (1) 2 (Campbell 9, Fletcher 65) COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (Forrest, pen 38,

STIRLING (1) 2 (Kennedy 13, McNeil 88) STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 3 (Murray 21, 64,

STRANRAER (0) 2 (Sweeney 85, Murphy 89) FORFAR (0) 1 (McPhee 63) Att: 506

LEADING **SCORERS**

(League, Cups, Total)

Division One

Regis (West Brom)	11	4	15
Keegan (Southampton)	12	1	13
Chapman (Stoke)	10	1	11
Cross (West Ham)	9	2	11
Evans (Birmingham)	9	1	10
Tueart (Man. City)	8	2	10
Wallace (Nott'm Forest)	7	3	10
Goddard (West Ham)	7	2	9
Latchford (Swansea)	9	0	9
Moran (Southampton)	8	1	9
Stapleton (Man. Utd.)	9	0	9

Division Two

White (Luton)	12	1	13
Aylott (Barnsley)	8	4	12
Stainrod (QPR)	10	2	12
Glavin (Barnsley)	5	6	11
Moore (Rotherham)	9	2	111
Wylde (Oldham)	10	1	11
Atkins (Shrewsbury)	8	2	10
Banks (Barnsley)	10	0	10
Hales (Charlton)			9
Fern (Rotherham)	7	2	9
Garner (Blackburn)	7 7 7	2 2 2	9
Stevens (Cardiff)	7	2	9

Division Three

Davies (Fulham)	13	1	14
Cassells (Oxford)	8	4	12
Chatterton (Millwall)	8	3	11
Kellow (Exeter)	10	1	11
Coney (Fulham)	4	6	10
Cunningham (Lincoln)	6	4	10
Mann (Bristol City)	6	4	10
Heale (Reading)	8	1	9
Stephens (Bristol Rovers)	8	1	9
White (Gillingham)	9	0	9

Division Four

Madden (Bury)	17	6	23
Allinson (Colchester)	12	2	14
Campbell (Bradford)	11	2	14
Walwyn (York)	12	1	13
Bremner (Colchester)	9	3	12
Cooke (Peterborough)	9		12
Johnson (Bury)	10	3 2 3 1	12
Hatton (Sheff. Utd.)	8	3	11
Bamber (Blackpool)	9	1	10
Edwards (Sheff. Utd.)	9	1	10
Houghton (Wigan)	8	2	10
Mutrie (Hull)	10	0	10
Newton (Hartlepool)	7	3	10

SCOTTISH **Premier Division**

Clark (Airdrie)	12	2	14
Sturrock (Dundee Utd.)	7	6	13
McCluskey (Celtic)	10	2	12
McGarvey (Celtic)	8	4	12
Bannon (Dundee Utd.)	5	5	10
MacDonald (Rangers)	5	5	10

First Division

Frye (Ayr)	7	8	15	
Millar (Clydebank)	13	2	15	
McLaughlin (Motherwell)	12	1	13	
McNaughton (Dunfermline)	10	2	12	
McClelland (Motherwell)	9	1	10	

Second Division

Lawson (Berwick)	13	4	17
Forrest (Cowdenbeath)	11	3	14
Davidson (Berwick)	8	5	13
Robb (Arbroath)	8	5	13
Campbell (Brechin)	8	3	11
Jobson (Meadowbank)	8	3	11

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	PS
Man Utd	18	6	2	1	14	4	3			14	11	32
lpswich	16	6	1	1	15	8	4	1	3	13	11	32
Sthampton	17	7	0	1	22	9	2	3	4	10	16	30
Swansea	17	6	2	0	15	4	3	1	5	12	21	30
Tottenham	16	4	0	5	14	13	5	1	1	12	6	21
Arsenal	16	4	2	1	5	2	4	1	4	10	10	2
West Ham	16	4	3	1	19	13	2	5	1	14	9	21
Nottm F	17	5	2	2	11	8	2	3	3	10	14	21
Man City	16	5	3		15	5	2	1	4		12	
Liverpool	16	3	3			7	3	3		11		24
Brighton	17	3	5	1		12	2	4	2	5	6	24
Coventry	17	5	2	1	19	8	4	2	6	8	18	2:
Everton		5	1	2	14		1	3	5		15	
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Notts Cnty .	17	3	4		13		1	1			19	
Middlesbro .	18	2	3		10		0	3			15	
Sunderland .	18	1	2	6	6	17	1	3	5	7	14	11

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Luton	18	7	.0	2	24	10	6	2	1	17	9	41
Oldham	18	5	4	0	15	6	4	2	3	13	11	33
Watford	17	5	3	1	16	8	5	0	3	11	11	33
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Newcastle	18	6	2	1	15	5	1	1	7	8	14	24
Cardiff	18	5	1		13		2	2	5		14	
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Derby	18	4			14		2	1	6		19	
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Division Three

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Chesterfield .	18	5	2	2	14	8	5	2	2	13	5	34	
Walsall	18	6	1	2	17	7	3	4	2	. 8	6	32	
Cariisle	18	7	1	1	18	9	3	1	5	9	12	32	
Southend	18	5	1	3	11	7	4	1	4	12	11	29	
Fulham	18	5	3		16	8	3	2	4	11	15	29	
Gillingham	18	5	1	3	18	14		1	4	10	13	29	
Brentford	18	2	3	4	5	6	6	1	2	16	9	28	
Millwall	18	4	1	4	13	11	4	3	2	13	10	28	
Oxford	18	4	2	3	10	7	4	2	3	14	13	28	
Reading	18	4	2	3	12	14	4	2	3	11	11	28	
Doncaster	18	6	1	2	15	6	2	3	4	9	15	28	
Bristol R	18	4	2	3	15	15	3	2	4	11	11	25	
Exeter	18	5	0	4	21	22	2	4	3	12	17	25	
Lincoln	18	3	3		14	10	3	2	4	13	14	23	
Huddersfield .	18	4	3	2	13	9	2	2	5	10	13	23	
Nawport	18	4	3	2	10	7	2	2	5	13	16	23	
Portsmouth .	18	4	3			8	1	4	4		13		
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Bury	18	8	0	1 29	9	3	3	3 13 14 36	
Peterbrough	18	8	0	1 24	5	3	3	3 8 11 36	
Bournemouth	18	5	4	0 12	4	5		2 10 6 36	
Wigan	18	7	1	1 15	6	2		2 12 12 33	
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SCOTTISH Premier Division

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Celtic	15	5	2	0	18	9	6	1	1	16	6 2	5
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Dundee		3	1		15		1		7		23	
	15	1		4		10	1	2			12	8

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ps	
Motherwell .	18	6	3	0	23	8	7	1	1	28	6	30	
Ayr	18	6	3	0	20	6	3	2	4	8	11	23	
Kilmarnock .	18	2	6	1	8	5						22	
Clydebank .	18	5	2	2	16	16	4	2	3	17	13	22	
Hearts											8		
St Johnstone						11	3						
Falkirk	18	3				6					17		
Dunfermline .					12		4				13		
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That was the week that was

Dec.

MATCH Weekly takes a fascinating look back at some of the important football events that took place this corresponding week in years gone

1976.

Dec. 15, 1976.

THE first ever official under-21 international, featuring England and Wales, ends in a goalless draw at Molineux

18, 1980. Dec.

WEST Brom midfield player John Trewick joins Newcastle for a club record £250,000.

Dec. 17, 1974.

TROUBLED times for Ipswich defender Kevin Beattie that seem to have continued in one form and another ever since.

It was on December 17, 1974 that the talented player disappeared on his way to report with the England Under-23 squad in Manchester.

He was eventually found at his family's home in Carlisle where he stated: "I am completely shattered. Life has got on top of me. I am no George Best, but I just want people to realise the

pressures.
"I decided to go home and see my mum. She understands me better than anybody. I still want to play for England. I only hope Don Revie understands, and that my

chances are not spoiled."
Revie, obviously upset by
Kevin's disappearance, offered no comment until he had talked with Ipswich manager Bobby Robson.

Four days later, after first refusing the pleas of his team-mates to return to Portman Road, Kevin turned out for Ipswich reserves

Revie eventually overlooked Kevin's walk-out for, within a year, he was receiving the first of his nine caps in the match with

Apart from that controversy, Kevin's career has been sadly dogged by a succession of knee injuries that have resulted in five operations

He would surely have made more England appearances but for that terrible run of luck.

Now he is resigned to the fact that he will no longer be fit enough to face a full season in the First Division.

Dec.

LEEDS United break a 24-year-old record by defeating Chelsea 2-1 at Stamford Bridge. It meant they had dropped only six points in twenty unbeaten League matches.



Ron gets the

RON Greenwood (above) is the new manager of England.

He is appointed up to the 1980 European Championship finals and Sir Harold Thompson, chairman of the selection committee says:

'We shall not know whether we have done well for two years. Be patient. Ron Greenwood has great intelligence and knowledge at all levels. Ron will not be hurt by the 1980 limit.

There is nothing to stop us giving him an extension or another job.

At a Press conference twenty four hours later, the former West Ham manager commented: "A

few years ago the public got what they deserved. It didn't matter how you won, by what means, as

long as you won. "The ball players in the game were destroyed by kicking them up the backside, by denying them

space.
"It is my job to pick the players who will make England successful, playing the way we believe England should be represented."

Dec. 12, 1973.

FIVE headed goals give Tottenham a 5-1 UEFA Cup victory over Dynamo Tbilisi.

Dec. 12, 1979

DUNDEE United win a major trophy for the first time by defeating Aberdeen 3-0 in a replay of the Scottish League Cup Final.

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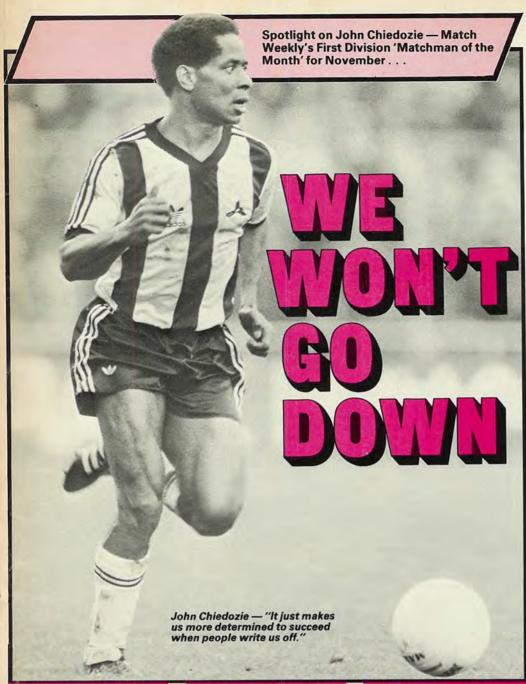
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FLYING winger John Chiedozie has a message for the Notts County knockers . . . keep up the good work!

Almost as soon as they won promotion from **Division Two, County** were written off as favourites to go straight back down.

But 22-year-old John, a £600,000 signing from Orient during the close season, says:

'That just makes us more determined to succeed. I don't think we will go down and we'll see who is right at the end of the season!'

After 16 matches, County were placed fifth from bottom averaging a little more than a point per game, mainly due to the club's poor away form. Says John: "There

have been a few games where we should have picked up three points and haven't but, at the same time, we have surprised quite a few teams and you can take encouragement from that.

John missed a large chunk of the opening games with a hamstring injury he picked up when County played lpswich.

But now he's right back in the swing of things and playing his best football for the club proved by the fact that he has been named Match Weekly's 'Matchman of the Month' for November (see pages 16 and 17).

'I am an ambitious person and I'm enjoying playing at a higher level," he says.

"I'm now playing

against better players and better teams in general, but I haven't found it hard to adjust.

'Presently, I'm playing in a slightly deeper role than the one I played in at Orient but, if it makes me a better player for it, then all well and good.

"I've been quite pleased with my performances since I came back from injury."

Nigerian-born John made 145 League appearances and scored 20 goals for Orient before his move to Meadow Lane.

And looking back on his transfer he says: "The fact was Orient needed the money. They had to sell so they put me on the list.

'I was happy at Orient and it was sad to think they were so desperate."



